Supporting rangatahi leadership and development

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Te Puni Kōkiri investments support rangatahi leadership and development. We invest in initiatives that equip our future leaders to contribute to their communities, take on leadership positions and thrive.

During the 2018-19 financial year we estimate that 15% ($11 million) of Te Puni Kōkiri investments were devoted to 81 initiatives supporting rangatahi to achieve their aspirations.

Impact Stories

Realising rangatahi potential

The following case studies are examples of how Te Puni Kōkiri funding is growing rangatahi skills, confidence and resilience through community-led development.

Kiwa Digital internships provide rangatahi with skills, experiences and qualifications to support their employment in the technology industry.

Through a series of Digi Wānanga, South Auckland rangatahi were introduced to the latest media technologies and developed a range of tech skills related to illustration and animation, film and television, post-production, gaming, narration and music recording. Rangatahi were mentored by industry professionals and supported to succeed as Māori in a real-world environment. To complete their internships, the rangatahi worked together to produce an app that was published globally, priming these rangatahi for careers in media technology.
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KidsCoin is building rangatahi and whānau financial literacy, skills and knowledge through a free online digital upskilling programme. The digital learning tool provides classes in multiple languages, including te reo and Pacific Island languages. KidsCoin aims to build knowledge in rural communities, encouraging each community to establish their own digital tech project. The KidsCoin Leadership Programme empowers rangatahi to become community leaders, delivering tech and digital education workshops in their own communities. KidsCoin works with corporate partners to employ and mentor rangatahi, targeting their learning at work-readiness for jobs in digital technology.

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Ono Ariki Solutions’ Aotearoa Rockstars initiative collaborated with local schools, libraries, academics and businesses to promote rangatahi rangatiratanga in Te Waipounamu. Rangatahi were provided with opportunities for leadership and decision-making, were the face of a digital campaign and helped to design online resources for wider use. The young rangatahi leaders helped transform spaces to make spoken te reo normal and promoted Māori culture alongside the language.

North Drill-owned business North Drill is supporting rangatahi employees and their whānau to develop positive relationships and networks. North Drill provides opportunities for all employees and whānau to connect with each other outside of the work environment through organised hunting, fishing and camping trips, whānau gatherings and meals. Young Māori employees are also supported to gain skills and qualifications to move forward in their career, and achieve home ownership through business and investment pathways.

The Society of Māori Astronomy Research and Traditions’ education outreach programme was developed and delivered in collaboration with other organisations and marae. Rangatahi at kura kaupapa Māori schools throughout Aotearoa were taught about astronomical knowledge, celestial navigation, science and technology. The SMART Project incorporated both Māori and Western scientific knowledge, reviving iwi-specific knowledge about astronomy, calendars and environmental kaitiakitanga. The programme was delivered in te reo Māori and aimed to inspire rangatahi while increasing their understanding of and participation in te ao Māori.

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With the support of volunteers, the Māoriland Film Hub developed their mara kai and delivered workshops for rangatahi and whānau on growing and preparing healthy kai. The Through Our Lens initiative developed rangatahi self-confidence, film skills and connection to others. Together Māori and Pasifika youth produced their own short films. Other initiatives promoting holistic wellbeing for Ōtaki rangatahi and whānau include the Māoriland Film Festival, the Māoriland Tech Expo, the Native Minds initiative and the parakore waste minimisation programme.

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Initiative Moturoa selected two rangatahi from each iwi or hapu in Te Taupou region to learn about their local whenua, environmental management techniques and policy. The rōpū visited local marae to learn about local history, wāhi tapu/wāhi tupuna, tikanga and kawa. Kaumātua contributed to the intergenerational transfer of mātauranga by sharing their knowledge with the rangatahi about raranga, kapa haka, cultural harvest, and navigation. The initiative brought together western science and mātauranga Māori, teaching rangatahi environmental science and policy grounded in tikanga Māori and whakapapa. The programme was supported by Te Puni Kōkiri in collaboration with the Department of Conservation, Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology, Whenua Kura, Ngāti Koata Trust, Iwi o Te Tau Ihu, Regional Intersectoral Forum Crown Agencies and local government.

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