**Tuia Application 2025**

The Tuia kaupapa is an intentional approach to develop and enhance the way in which rangatahi Māori contribute to the communities they live in.

The kaupapa is free, and focused on creating a network of support for rangatahi to help them serve their communities well. Tuia provides an opportunity to develop relationships with a diverse range of rangatahi throughout Aotearoa.

At a local level, the mayor will select a Tuia representative and will mentor them on a monthly basis. The rangatahi will be provided with the opportunity to participate in both informal and formal occasions that interest them. The mentoring will also provide the mayor and the rangatahi the ability to gain a deeper insight into inter-generational issues, cultural values and experiences.

**Three pou make up the Tuia rangatahi experience:**

*1. Mentoring 2. Community contribution 3. Wānanga*

The Tuia representatives for 2025 will be expected to undertake a 100-hour community contribution project in their respective communities. Rangatahi will also attend five wānanga in different parts of the country over the year to build networks, obtain support and receive exposure to a diverse range of people from across the country.

The word 'tuia' means to weave and when people are woven together well, their collective contribution has a greater positive impact on community. The Tuia kaupapa seeks to embody this by connecting young Māori from across Aotearoa with one another.

**Those who apply to participate in Tuia should:**

* Be of Māori whakapapa
* Live in the Masterton district
* Be aged between 18-25 years old
* Be actively involved in contributing to the wellbeing of your community
* Be able to commit to being involved in this part-time programme of three three-day and two four-day wānanga (leadership forums) over a period of 12 months
* Be able to get support from others to participate in the programme (whānau / hapū / pakeke / employers / community etc.)
* Be open-minded and willing to contribute to discussions and workshops
* Be well-organised and have the ability to manage your time and commitments

**Application process and timeline:**

* December – Applications open
* Week beginning 3 February 2025 - Applicants to meet the with panel
* Week beginning 10 February 2025 - Decision made, and dates of 2025 wānanga advised

**How to apply:**

Please complete the following application form and email it to tammym@mstn.govt.nz.

You are welcome to add other information to your application. We also accept video applications (although please note these must be accompanied by an official application form, with the contact details section filled in).

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Participant’s contact details:

Participants name:

Current address:

Date of birth:

Telephone:

Email:

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**Application Questions:**

We will accept video or written responses. If you decide to submit a video response, please also return this form with the contact details filled in.

1. Tell us about your connection to Whakaoriori, Masterton:
2. Tell us about your community interests and activities:
3. What support do you have from others to participate in the programme? (e.g. whānau/hapu/pakeke/employers/community etc.):
4. What do you hope to achieve if you are a successful candidate for Tuia 2025?