

Governance 201 Workshop – Master Class

This 2 hour workshop is fully interactive - no boring lectures! You will have the opportunity to reflect on your own board and consider changes that you can make to increase its collective effectiveness.

This workshop is FREE and includes a light supper. Participant spaces are limited so please **RSVP** to matthewr@nukuora.org.nz as soon as possible.

5.30pm Monday 28 November 2022

Nuku Ora Offices, Level 1, 223 Thorndon Quay,
Wellington

This session will explore a range of topics that take a deep dive into governance practice:

- Boards as organisation leaders
- Board succession planning
- The role of the chair
- Strategic planning
- Effective decision making
- Working with difficult people
- The board manager relationship

About the facilitator:

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A belief in the power of strong communities has Sandy to pursue a career as a trainer, consultant and coach in the community and not for profit sector. She has been working and volunteering in the Not for Profit Sector since she was a volunteer youth leader in Whangarei in the 1970's. Prior to becoming part of LEAD, Sandy was one of the team delivering the Unitec Graduate Diploma in Not for Profit Management, a role she took on after 10 years as the founding leader of the National Association for OSCAR.

Sandy's experience as a leader in the not-for-profit sector and her experience facilitating and mentoring other leaders, has led to her work providing: values-based management and leadership support; organisation development based on strengths-based approaches including appreciative inquiry; and the training of community facilitators and trainers.

Sandy works with boards and leaders from a wide range of organisations, both large and small, including those from the social services, faith-based, environment, arts, sports, and migrant sectors. Knowing well the answer to every question is "it depends", Sandy helps leaders and boards to navigate through the complexity that is community leadership. She also has extensive experience working in the Pacific Islands and has a depth of experience working in cross cultural environments; and teaches others how to succeed when leading in cross cultural contexts.

Sandy's current core voluntary roles are as a Trustee for ChildAlert an organisation that fights commercial sexual exploitation of children, and she is the Pacific representative on ECPAT International who do the same work at an international level. Sandy is also Co-chair of the Trust Board of Hui E! – New Zealand's national organisation promoting, strengthening and connecting the Community Sector and resources on governance.

Organisations and community groups that are well governed are better able to thrive no matter what. This Governance 201 Masterclass is for those who feel they have a good grip of governance and are looking for additional skills and knowledge to build a high performing governance team.

About LEAD

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In the last two years alone the team at LEAD have delivered governance training to over 1,000 board members around New Zealand who are from a wide range of community organisations, including small fully volunteer run and led groups to larger formal organisations.

The LEAD team have been working alongside not for profit organisations of all sizes and structures, to build their governance capacity since 1994. Our approach to good governance is based on our own experience as community practitioners, as well as a background working in the tertiary academic sector delivering not for profit qualifications. The wealth of knowledge gained through working alongside hundreds of organisations has resulted in a deep understanding of what works in governance in NZ organisations. Members of the LEAD team all sit on, and Chair, national and regional organisation boards. All are regularly called on to present at conferences and have published articles and resources on governance.