



## **Festival of Adult Learning Ahurei Ākonga 2025**

The Festival of Adult Learning Ahurei Ākonga (or Adult Learner's Week) is an annual celebration that highlights the importance of accessible, inclusive education for all, at any stage of life. It was officially adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1998, and is now celebrated by more than 40

countries each year; each acknowledging the transformative power of adult learning in building stronger, more connected communities.

To mark this important week we warmly invite you to attend our annual group exhibition:

**'Voices and Visions'** is a showcase of creativity from adult learners and their tutors in our community. Opening on Friday, September 5, at 6pm, this show runs through the week until Friday, September 14.

### **Share your thoughts. Spark a conversation. Plant a seed.**

The Festival of Learning 2025 theme, **Let's Kōrero**, invites us all to speak up, listen deeply, and connect meaningfully. When you visit the exhibition, we encourage you to contribute a sentence or two about what's on your mind. What's your 'hot topic' right now? What conversations do you think our community needs to be having? There will be pens and paper available, and no names are required.

We believe that real change begins with dialogue. When we kōrero (speak)—when we share stories, ideas, and concerns—we uncover common ground. And on that ground, we can plant the seeds for understanding, collaboration, and transformation.

### **Join the show!**

If you would like to submit something you have created during or after attending a Community Education Whanganui workshop or course we would love to hear from you! Email [manager@communityeducation.nz](mailto:manager@communityeducation.nz), or phone 345 4717, 11-3pm weekdays, with a description of your work (the size is really important!) and we will include it in the show. Please let us know ASAP so we can save room for you. We need all work in by Thursday, 4th September at 3pm unless you have arranged otherwise with the office.

***See you all there!***

***Mel, Dee and C.E.W trustees.***