Wednesday 10 September

Registration, grab a kawhe 8:30am

Mihi Whakatau. welcome from host 9:30am

Opening address and Q&A 10:00am

Hon Louise Upston

Morning kai break 10:20am

Keynote kaikōrero 10:50am Qiane Matata-Sipu

11:30am Keynote kaikorero

Hon Willow-Jean Prime

12:00pm Midday kai break

Measuring What Counts: 1:00pm

Donna Provost, Andrew Coster, Angie

Tangaere

1.50pm Keynote kaikōrero

Dr Sneha Lakhotia

2.40pm Inspiration and wellbeing

Afternoon kai break 3:00pm

Māori Caucus: Kaye Maree Dunn 3.30pm

Concurrent session: Dr Nicola Atwool



The National Social Services Conference 10 & 11 September 2025, Rotorua Energy Events Centre

with Michèle A'Court - Conference MC

Indicative programme at-a-glance

Whakawhanaungatanga Event Wednesday 10 September 5 - 6pm

A time to catch up, celebrate and relax in the company of friends and colleagues from across our social sector

Your ticket to this event is included in your conference reaistration.

> *Full Programme to be published prior to the Conference. Programme subject to change.

Thursday 11 September

8:30am Welcome to Day 2

8:45am Inspiration and wellbeing

9:00am Workshops: 5 concurrent streams

10:00am Morning kai break

10:30am Workshops: 5 concurrent streams

11:30am Workshops: 5 concurrent streams

12:15pm Midday kai break

Keynote kaikorero 1:00pm

Hon Karen Chhour

1:15pm Perspectives from Leadership: Emma

Powell and Andrew Bridgman

1.50pm Keynote kaikorero

Hon Marama Davidson

2:20pm Rangatahi panel korero

Led by Dr Claire Achmad

3:15pm Closing words of thanks

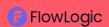
Te Pai Ora SSPA co-chairs Karakia whakamutunga

3.45 Conference close













Indicative Workshop programme 2025

9am Workshops	Tamariki Tū Tamariki Ora: a model of care pathway for tamariki <i>Dr Nikki Barrett</i>	Two perspectives on sustainable funding Holly Snape and George Ngatai	Te Pātaka Mātauraka - an Education Unit for Womens Refuge Carolyn Stott (Te Whare Hauora Ōtautahi Womens Refuge)	The future of the social sector workforce Brenda Pilott (Te Pai Ora SSPA)	Connecting in the regions – the Auckland experience Neil Denney and Robyn Driver
10.30am Workshops	Te Kōrero mō ngā Tamariki - exploring middle childhood Melanie Wilson (NZCCSS)	Climate Justice is Social Justice Sandy Thompson (LEAD)	Hauora Hinengaro Starts Here: The Kia Ora Ake Model Shay Twomey (Te Whare Ruruhau o Meri)	From Challenges to Change: Research and Evaluation in NGOS Anita Langthaller (PSN)	What's registration got to do with it? Sarah Clark, Megan Chapman and Liz Gourley (SWRB)
11.30am Workshops	Tū Rangatira: Growing leaders not monuments Sharyn Roberts (Te Ora Hou Ōtautahi)	Waka Hourua - enhance service delivery and practice! Tuala Synthia Dash (Kia Puāwai)	Insights on the performance of Oranga Tamariki Nova Banaghan (Aroturuki Tamariki)	How to use Tūhono Impact Donna Provoost (Powerdigm)	Strengthening Kinship Care in Aotearoa <i>Dr Braden Clark</i>











