

Wednesday 10 September

- 8:30am Registration, grab a kawhe
- 9:30am Mihi Whakatau, welcome from host
- 10:00am Opening address and Q&A
Hon Louise Upston
- 10:20am Morning kai break**
- 10:50am Keynote kaikōrero
Qiane Matata-Sipu
- 11:30am Keynote kaikōrero
Hon Willow-Jean Prime
- 12:00pm Midday kai break**
- 1:00pm Measuring What Counts:
Donna Provost, Andrew Coster, Angie Tangaere
- 1:50pm Keynote kaikōrero
Dr Sneha Lakhotia
- 2:40pm Inspiration and wellbeing
- 3:00pm Afternoon kai break**
- 3:30pm Māori Caucus: Kaye Maree Dunn
Concurrent session: Dr Nicola Atwool

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Whakamanawa 2025

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
registration.*

*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**
- 1:00pm Keynote kaikōrero
Hon Karen Chhour
- 1:15pm Perspectives from Leadership: Emma
Powell and Andrew Bridgman
- 1:50pm Keynote kaikōrero
Hon Marama Davidson
- 2:20pm Rangatahi panel kōrero
Led by Dr Claire Achmad
- 3:15pm Closing words of thanks
Te Pai Ora SSPA co-chairs
Karakia whakamutunga
- 3.45 Conference close



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