Social Service Providers | Te Pai Ora o Aotearoa

Annual General Meeting 2025

Nominations for Te Pai Ora National Executive

There is one vacancy for a tangata whenua position on the Te Pai Ora SSPA National Executive.

Tangata whenua nominations
We have received two nominations for one tangata whenua position and therefore an election is required. The election will be held by a vote at the AGM and voting can also be undertaken via email. Only full members of Te Pai Ora SSPA are eligible to vote and there is one vote per member organisation.

- Nathan Harrington, Te Kupenga Hauora Ahuriri (Nominated by Te Ikaroa Rangatahi Social Services INC)
- Tuhi Leef, Pillars Ka Pou Whakahou (Nominated by Tuhiata Mahi Ora Trust)

Current National Executive members:

- Marihi Langford, Tuhiata Mahi Ora Trust, Kaitaia, Co-chair, tangata whenua member
- Victoria Newcombe, Presbyterian Support Upper South Island, Co-chair, tauiwi member
- Tuhi Leef, Pillars Ka Pou Whakahou, Tāmaki Makaurau, Treasurer, tangata whenua member (role expiring at 2025 AGM)
- Cindy Kawana, E Tipu E Rea Whānau Services, Tāmaki Makaurau, tangata whenua member
- Andrea McLeod, Anglican Trust for Women and Children, Tāmaki Makaurau, tauiwi member
- Carmen Batchelor, A3 Kaitiaki, Ōtepoti, tauiwi member

Tangata whenua nominations for election for one position

Nathan Harrington, CEO, Te Kupenga Hauora Ahuriri

Ko Horouta me Takitimu ōku waka Ko Oraki tōku maunga Ko Tarakihinui tōku awa Ko Rongomaiwahine me Ngāi Tamanuhiri me Rongowhakaata ōku iwi Ko Rangiwaho tōku hapu Ko Rangiwaho tōku marae Ko Nathan Harrington ahau.

Kia ora everybody. My name is Nathan Harrington, and I am standing as a Tāngata Whenua member for SSPA. I am the proud father of Riley and partner to Anna, my day-to-day role is the Chief Executive Officer of Te Kupenga Hauora - Ahuriri a iwi mandated provider in Te Matau a Maui (Hawke's Bay).

I have dedicated over 20 years of my career to supporting whānau having worked at Corrections, Oranga Tamariki and 12 years in various senior managerial roles with Māori Providers here in Ngāti Kahungunu. I believe I have a considerable amount to offer to SSPA having worked in both crown and Māori provider space and alongside numerous iwi. I have also been fortunate enough to have been able to contribute to seminal pieces of work such as Hokai Rangi Corrections Strategic Direction and the reshaping of relationships between Ngāti Kahungunu and Oranga Tamariki.

I largely work in a strategic management space now; however, I am often with my staff in the field and feel just as comfortable working alongside and supporting our whānau to live great lives. I would like to thank you for your consideration of my application, and I look forward to being able to serve SSPA, member organisations and whānau if the opportunity should arise.

Tuhi Leef, CEO, Pillars Ka Pou Whakahou

Tuhi Leef (Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Whātua) is the Tumu Whakarae of Pillars Ka Pou Whakahou, a charity dedicated to supporting and mentoring the tamariki and whānau of a family member serving a sentence.

A values-driven, servant leader, Tuhi has over 35 years' experience spanning social services, education, iwi, and financial services. Before joining Pillars in 2023, he used his financial expertise to help hundreds of Māori and Pasifika whānau improve their financial wellbeing through budgeting, savings, and debt-reduction plans, and led wraparound support programs for at-risk youth.

Tuhi is a Chartered Member of the Institute of Directors and serves as a consumer representative on the board of Financial Services Complaints Ltd. He also contributes to community initiatives as a Trustee of The Good Registry. In his role on the SSPA National Executive, he is committed to contributing to Te Pai Ora's strategic priorities to better support our members and sector.