

Shaping our Futures Together Hui: *Summary Report*

September 2019



Te Wānanga
o Aotearoa



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Inclusion • Connection • Wellbeing

Shaping our Futures Together

The Context

Friday 6 September saw over 100 people come together to explore how we can strengthen relationships, solidarity, allyship and cross-cultural collaboration between tangata whenua and migrant and refugee background communities, to build connected and inclusive communities.

Shaping our Futures Together Hui was co-hosted by Belong Aotearoa and Te Wānanga o Aotearoa (TWOA) to:

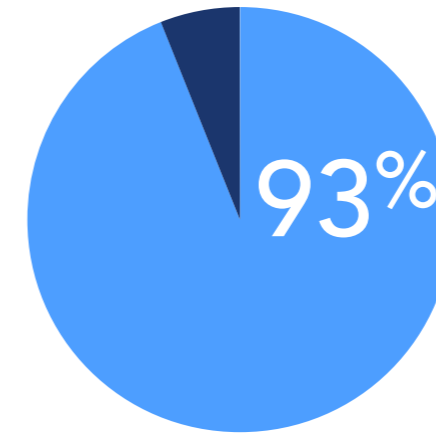
- Inspire relationships and partnerships based on respect, shared experiences and intertwined futures.
- Showcase partnerships that are helping build connected and inclusive communities.
- Deepen understanding of biculturalism in contemporary Aotearoa.
- Highlight how the Treaty of Waitangi provides a foundation to strengthen inclusion, equity and the wellbeing of communities.

The programme for the hui included:

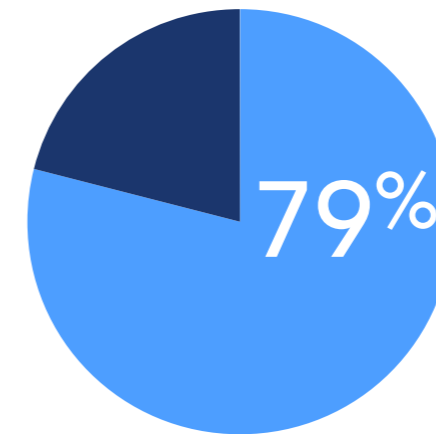
- Pōwhiri
- Co-host Welcome:
 - » MC Welcome - Shanan Halbert Aukaha Kahutaupua – Regional Manager, Student Experience, Te Wānanga o Aotearoa (TWOA)
 - » Hone Paul Tumukahutaupua / Executive Director Marketing & Tauria Services (TWOA)
 - » Rahul Watson Govindan Chair, Belong Aotearoa (BA)
- Keynote Speaker - [Mr Meng Foon Race Relations Commissioner](#)
- Showcasing Exemplars:
 - » Ngā Herenga Waka Project - Mad Ave & Roskill Together
 - » Welcoming newcomers - NZ Red Cross & Ruapotaka Marae
- Q & A Panel

This report provides a brief summary of the feedback we received from participants.

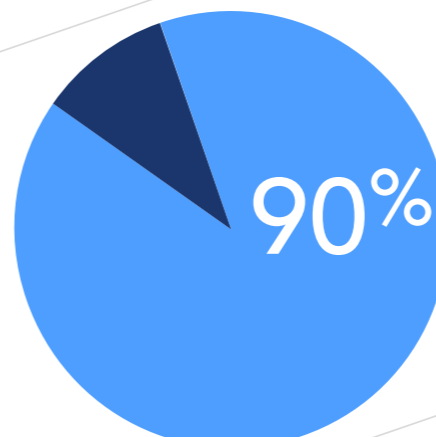
Overall



rated the overall hui as very positive (55%) or positive (38%) of 47 respondents



said coming together was very valuable (52%) or valuable (27%) of 44 respondents



said the hui had raised their awareness of TWOA as a bicultural education provider of 34 respondents

Reflections

People shared how they felt following the hui, including:



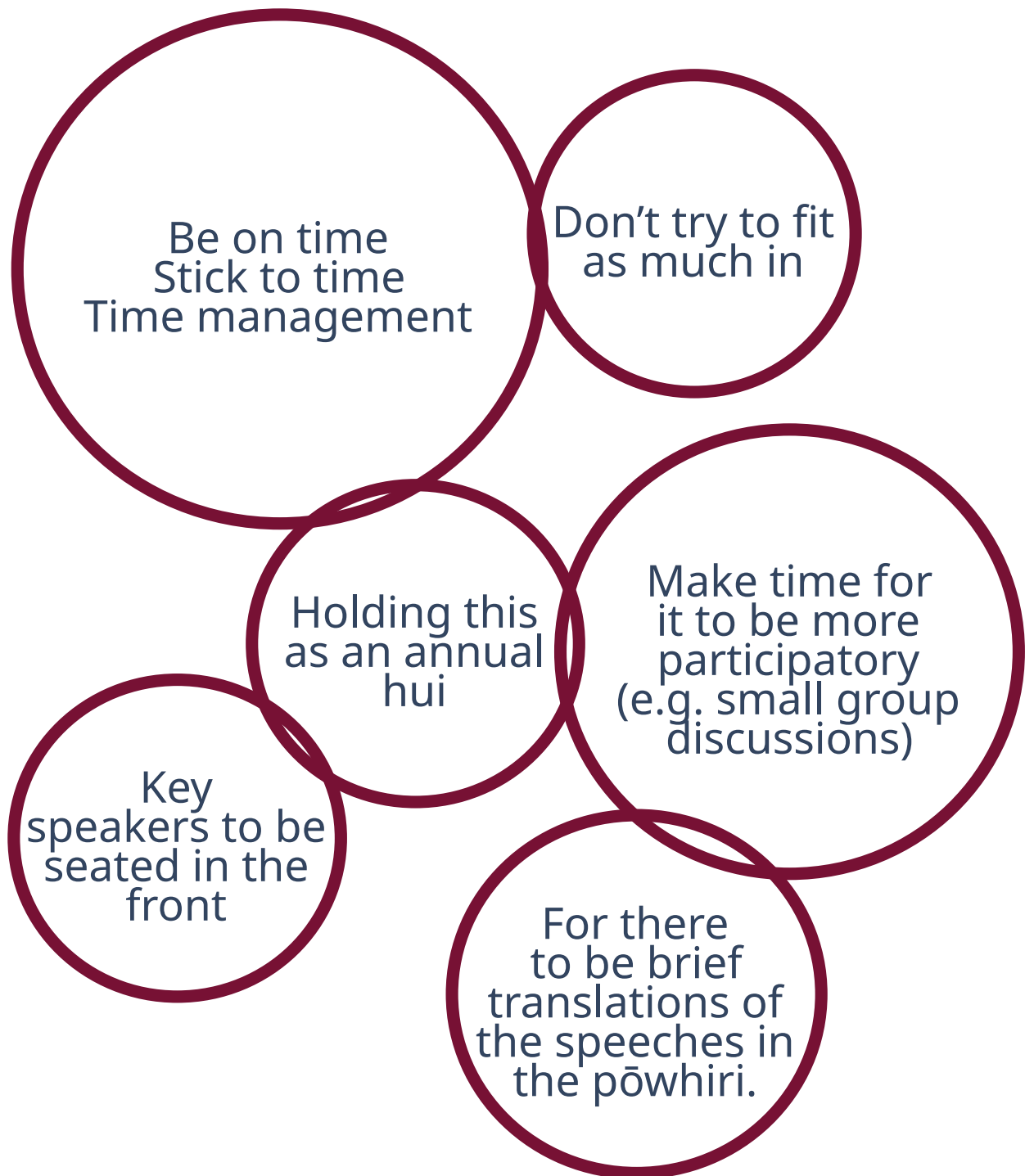
Moving Forward

People shared one thing they hoped to do following the hui to strengthen relationships and partnership with Māori and non-Māori. Some comments were:



Improvements

We appreciated everyone's suggestions for improving the hui, including:



The full summary report will be available on www.belong.org.nz