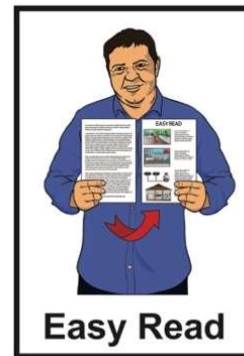


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Join He Ara Tangata Consumer Reference Group



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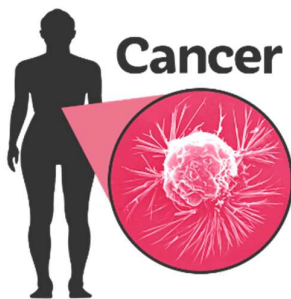
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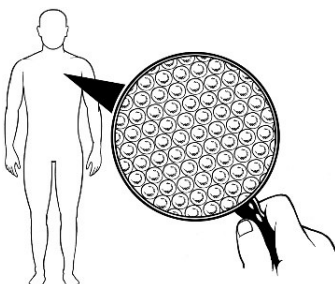


Te Aho o Te Kahu – Cancer Control Agency is the part of the Government in charge of making Aotearoa New Zealand better at looking after people with **cancer**.



Cancer is an illness that makes people very sick.

It happens when **cells** do not stop growing when they should.



Cells are the tiny building blocks that make up all living things.

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When you see the words
we / our / us in this Easy Read they
mean Te Aho o te Kahu – Cancer
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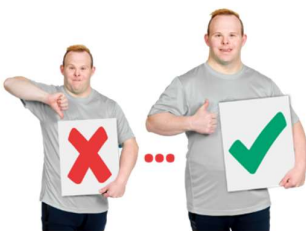


We are looking for 4 new people to
join our **consumer reference group**.



Our **consumer reference group** is
a group of people who

- know what it is like to have
cancer in Aotearoa New Zealand
- or
- have supported people with
cancer.



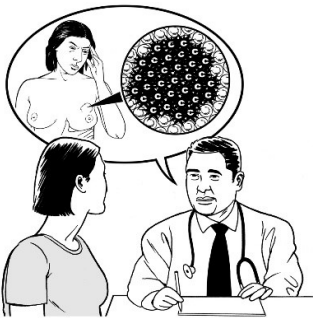
They support us to improve cancer
care for everyone in Aotearoa New
Zealand.

Who can join He Ara Tangata?



The name of the consumer reference group is **He Ara Tangata**.

You can join He Ara Tangata if you:



- have cancer
- had cancer in the past
- have supported someone else who had cancer like a:



- whānau / family member
- friend.



You do **not** need to be a health professional like a:

- doctor
- nurse.



You do **not** need to know a lot about how we look after people with cancer in Aotearoa New Zealand.



We very much want **applications** from:

- Māori
- Pacific peoples
- tāngata whaikaha / disabled people
- **rainbow people.**



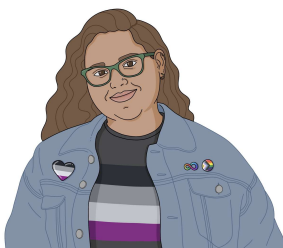


The **application** is how you tell us you would like to join He Ara Tangata.



Rainbow people means people who are:

- lesbian
- gay
- bisexual
- transgender
- takatāpui
- queer
- intersex
- asexual
- other people who fit in similar groups.



What does He Ara Tangata do?



He Ara Tangata has up to 12 members.

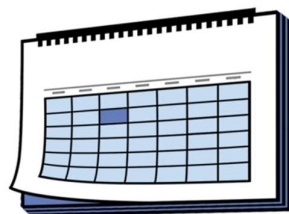


They know what it is like to have cancer in Aotearoa New Zealand.



They use this knowledge to:

- tell us what they think about our work
- work with us to make Aotearoa New Zealand better at looking after people with cancer.



He Ara Tangata meets every 3 months.

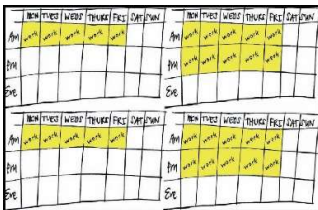


Meetings can be:

- online
- in person.



There is at least 1 in person meeting every year.



The meetings can last:

- half a day
- a whole day.



We will pay you to:

- read information to get ready for meetings
- come to meetings.





We will pay for you to travel to
in person meetings.



You can read more about what He
Ara Tangata does on this **website**:

<https://tinyurl.com/vw5ma5t3>



This website is **not** in Easy Read.

How to apply

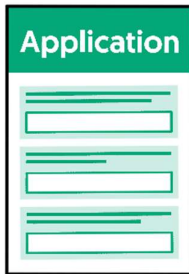


Fill in the **online application form** if you want to be part of He Ara Tangata:



<https://forms.office.com/r/RMCRXnWdMk>

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Send us an email if you:

- cannot fill in the online application form
- would like to apply another way like by sending us a video
- have any questions.





You can **email** us at:

lee.benjamin@teaho.govt.nz



We need to get your application by
5 pm on Friday 30 January 2026.



We will look at all the applications.



We will let you know if we would like
you to join He Ara Tangata by
Monday 16 February 2026.



There might be other ways to be part
of our work in future if we do not ask
you to join He Ara Tangata this time.

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