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WISPA is excited to announce a new kaupapa Māori leadership programme for aspirational wāhine Māori. The programme, Whakatipu Wāhine Toa, has been developed by our roopu He Wāhine Toa Kei te Kokiri and is to be held in November this year.

The aim of Whakatipu Wāhine Toa is for mana enhancing growth in leadership and capabilities, that are innately within all Wāhine Māori. We aim to tautoko wāhine to step strongly into their rangatira space and pave the way for others to do the same'. The kaupapa is based on tikanga Māori principles such as whakapapa, mana, kotahitanga, whanaungatanga, and manaakitanga.

The focus is on using reflective practice, hononga, empowerment and exploring Māori leadership models that connect both traditional and contemporary Māori concepts of leadership and governance, to help grow personal rangatira, rangatiratanga to help with strategies on navigating bi-cultural and multicultural spaces. Some of the methods shared will include Tuakana-Teina and the Waka Hourua models and pūrakau with the intention of co-design for personal needs and a career action plan.

Whakatipu Wāhine Toa is designed by Wāhine Māori for Wāhine Māori working in sport, recreation and exercise organisations or related industries, who have experienced mid-level leadership roles, such as team leaders, project leads or managers who aspire to higher leadership levels.

Whakatipu Wāhine Toa is a 4-month Leadership Development Programme. Consisting of a 5-day residential programme including noho marae plus 2 follow up sessions afterward and personalised coaching support.

The residential component of the programme will run in Whanganui-a-Tara (Wellington) from Friday 1 November - Tuesday 5 November 2024. The programme is fully funded except for travel - **participants will need to self-fund their travel to Whanganui-a Tara** the morning of Friday 1 November, and home on Tuesday 5 November in the evening.

Applications are now open and close Friday 26 July. [Head to this link to apply](#). For more information, contact [merran@womeninsport.org.nz](mailto:merran@womeninsport.org.nz).

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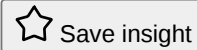
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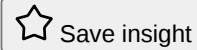
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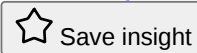
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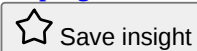
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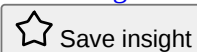
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