

ngā kiwai kete the mau tena kiwai o te kete, maku tenei e-learning toolbox



The Project

The Nga Kiwai Kete project is about enhancing capability in small tertiary organisations new to e-learning. It is centred around the evolutionary development of a professional development process and web-based resources for educators unaccustomed to the use of online technology in teaching and learning. A round one eCDF project, it runs from March 2004 to October 2005.

The Process

The project works within participating institutions. It does not impose a programme from outside or implement a set of purely web-based resources. Collaboration is essential for project to succeed as a *professional development process*. One partner is empowered by working as *part of* the project team, developing pedagogical and technological expertise to build e-learning capacity; the other benefits from working in contexts where building e-learning capability is a significant practical issue, and where there is a focus on Pasifika and Maori learners. The resulting web-supported e-learning professional development programme emphasises *people and their stories* rather than content.

The Website

Development of interactive online resources is informed by the collaborative professional development process undertaken with the project partner Te Runanganui o Te Arawa. The website is for managers, course designers, tutors, and support staff in small Tertiary Education Organisations who wish to embark on e-learning but are not quite sure where to start, and has a particular focus on supporting organisations with significant proportions of Maori and Pasifika learners. Nga Kiwai Kete provides a set of resources and tools to support a blended online and face-to-face approach to e-learning professional development. It aims to establish pedagogically sound and culturally appropriate ways of embedding e-learning into everyday practice. **For more, go to www.nkk.org.nz**



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