

Para Kore Marae Incorporated

Para Kore Marae Incorporated is a kaupapa Māori, not-for-profit organisation. They provide programmes, wānanga, support, mentoring, and resources to marae, whānau, hapū, iwi, groups, entities, and hāpori throughout Aotearoa.



As a successful recipient of the Kaupapa of National Significance funding, Para Kore will relieve two hundred thousand dollars over two years towards their Toitū Te Taiao programme aimed at supporting Hapu/Marae/hāpori Māori to realise their climate goals and aspirations.

The kaupapa:

Toitū Te Taiao is committed to supporting the participation of disadvantaged communities for a more inclusive, equitable, just, and sustainable Aotearoa New Zealand.

Para Kore Marae Incorporated has completed more than ten Waste Minimisation Fund projects since the inception of the fund in 2011 and is currently delivering more than 35

projects throughout the motu. They are working collectively with a national composting project called Whakahaumanu a Hineahuone, and collaboratively with Go Eco on a three-year food waste project 'Hei Aha te Moumou Kai' and 'Every Bite Counts', all of which align with Toitū te Taiao.



Para Kore setting up a composting system at a school in Kirikiriroa, Hamilton.

Their networks have expertise in climate action, te reo Māori, Te Tiriti, behaviour change, marketing and communications, community engagement, a vast array of environmental kaupapa, seed, soil and food sovereignty, biodiversity, harbour and river care, riparian planting, regeneration projects, energy hardship projects, transport solutions, food waste reduction, understanding the waste hierarchy and strengthening the relational connection to Papa and Rangi.

With a vision of *Oranga Taiao*, *Oranga Marae*, *Oranga Whānau* - they recognise that the wellbeing of the natural world and the wellbeing and self-determination of marae, whānau, hapū, iwi and hāpori Māori is inextricably linked.

Para Kore educates and advocates from a Māori worldview for a zero carbon, zero waste society. They support resilience within Māori communities through mātauranga Māori behaviour change programmes and services. The four key values that guide their relationships with people and the planet are katiakitanga, Whakapapa, Manaakitanga, and Māramatanga.



The Kaupapa of National Significance funding acknowledges the need to fund grassroots, community-driven initiatives that lead to direct and immediate impacts. The Toitu Te Taiao programme resolves the issue of communities often working on climate goals independently with limited knowledge about the resources available to support them.

They will work in partnership with Go Eco and three lead networks (Te Waka Kai Ora, Community Energy Network, and the Zero Waste Network) to identify, coordinate, educate, resource, and build capacity within communities to improve climate outcomes and resilience.

Find out more here: <https://www.parakore.maori.nz/>

