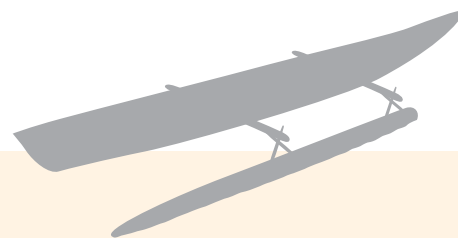


Te pōkai i ngā hononga: Whakawhanaungatanga

Navigate circles of connectivity: Create relationships



Ua sau le va'a na tiu, tau mai i le va'a na tau ae o lo'o mamau
pea lago o le va'a na fao afolau.

There are three canoes. The first is out with those fishing in the deep waters, the second is in the shallow lagoon with those waiting to receive the fish, and the third lies on the beach praying for the seafarers' success and safe passage home.

Create relationships by joining established organisations, advocating for the arts, mentoring emerging artists or arts practitioners, and participating in local community arts programmes. Read this article for more insights.

[📄 The Power of a Creative Group | Creative Waikato](#)



Ngā whatunga | Networks and networking

Sharing, communicating, building relationships, and supporting others with similar interests as part of a creative network fosters creativity across art forms. Building a sense of community through networking fosters hauora (wellbeing). Networking can happen online using digital and social media platforms or face-to-face through opportunities such as mentorship, advocacy and volunteering within your local arts community.

Watch the video interview with artist Jamie McCaskill to hear how one artist builds his network.

[📄 Ko tā te ringatoi tirohanga ki te para i tētahi aramahi toitū | An artist's perspective on building a sustainable career](#)

Grow your network with these organisations

Aotearoa Digital Arts Network (ADA)

Find out about how the Aotearoa Digital Arts Network facilitates networking for artists and arts practitioners in the digital arts.

[📄 The ADA Network | Aotearoa Digital Arts](#)

Community arts

Find further connections in community arts through the support and networks section of the Creative New Zealand Community Arts Toolkit.

[Support and Networks Community Arts Toolkit | Creative New Zealand](#)

Local Government

Check out your council site to find out about opportunities available for artists and arts practitioners in your local community.

[Council websites and maps | Local Government New Zealand](#)

Toi Māori Aotearoa

Toi Māori Aotearoa is an independent Māori arts organisation that cares for the interests of Māori art and artists at a local, national and international level for the benefit of Māori people.

[Toi Māori Aotearoa](#)

Performing Arts Network New Zealand (PANNZ)

Find out about how PANNZ supports the New Zealand professional performing arts sector.

[Performing Arts Network of New Zealand](#)

Regional Arts Network Aotearoa (RANA)

The Regional Arts Network of Aotearoa is a group of arts organisations that operate across Aotearoa. These regional arts organisations (or RAOs) are non-profit entities that provide strategic direction and support for the development of arts, culture and heritage. Learn more about how RANA operates as a connected network to support shared goals.

[Our members | RANA](#)

Tautai Pacific Arts Trust

Tautai has supported Pacific visual artists since the 1980s. It showcases Pacific artists and arts practitioners and encourages volunteers to support the sector.

[Tautai](#)



Te kōkiritanga | Advocates and Advocacy

As part of their work to build stronger collective advocacy for arts, culture, creativity and ngā toi, Creative New Zealand creates resources for advocates. Use these tools to support your advocacy, discover key advocacy research, and read about storytelling campaigns.

[Advocacy tools and research | Creative New Zealand](#)

View this Creative New Zealand (CNZ) guide for arts advocates about how to create a future where artists and creativity thrive, so all New Zealanders flourish. Share this Creative New Zealand guide to promoting community art with your local council.

[A guide for arts advocates | Creative New Zealand](#)

Share this Creative New Zealand guide to promoting art in your community with your local council.

[Ngā taonga toi: ngā taonga pāpori āke āke | Arts and culture: part of your community's future | Creative New Zealand](#)

Use the Fact Finder digital tool to discover useful insights about the value of art, culture, creativity and ngā toi in our lives, according to national and international research.

[Fact finder | Creative New Zealand](#)

Arts Access Aotearoa | Putanga Toi ki Aotearoa (AAA)

AAA's purpose is to increase access to the arts for people who experience barriers to participation as artists, performers, audience members and visitors to galleries and museums. It does this by working in the disability, mental health and deaf communities, and through a network of community arts organisations called Creative Spaces. Use the AAA directory to find organisations that provide a range of arts activities, including classes and workshops, advice and information, exhibitions and performances in regions across Aotearoa.

[Community arts organisations | Arts Access Aotearoa](#)

Join a network that encourages festivals, artists, performing arts companies, literary organisations, museums, galleries, venues and producers to improve access for deaf and disabled audiences.

[Arts for All Network | Arts Access Aotearoa](#)

Arts Makers Aotearoa

Join Arts Makers Aotearoa which is an arts advocacy group by makers for makers.

[Arts Makers Aotearoa](#)

Centre for New Zealand Music Trust: SOUNZ

Sounz mission is to make the music of Aotearoa New Zealand accessible to all.

[Sounz](#)

Composers Association of New Zealand (CANZ)

CANZ represents New Zealand's composition community on matters of national and international importance.

[Composers Association of New Zealand](#)

Dance Aotearoa New Zealand

DANZ is about and for people in dance.

[Dance Aotearoa New Zealand](#)

Publishers Association of New Zealand (PANZ)

PANZ represents trade, educational, scholarly and digital publishers across Aotearoa New Zealand.

[Publishers Association of New Zealand](#)

Music Managers Forum Aotearoa

A collective voice for music managers and self-managed artists, both signed and independent.

[Music Managers Forum Aotearoa](#)

Museums Aotearoa – The voice of museums and galleries

A group that advocates for museums and galleries.

[Museums Aotearoa](#)

New Zealand Games Developers Association (NZDGA)

The New Zealand Game Developers Association supports the growth of game development in Aotearoa and supports the artists and art practitioners working in the sector.

[NZDGA](#)

New Zealand Music Commission

Access support for artists and arts practitioners in the music industry.

[New Zealand Music Commission](#)

New Zealand Poetry Society (NZPS)

Supporting and promoting poets and poetry in New Zealand.

[New Zealand Poetry Society](#)

Playmarket New Zealand

Playmarket supports all New Zealand playwrights and theatremakers.

[Playmarket](#)

The Entertainment Venues Association of New Zealand (EVANZ)

EVANZ is the voice of the New Zealand entertainment venues industry and covers over 120 sites nationwide.

[EVANZ](#)

The New Zealand Society of Authors (NZSA)

NZSA supports the rights of a wide range of writers, illustrators and industry professionals at every stage of their careers. From journalists to comic artists, scriptwriters to bloggers, novelists to game writers and translators to poets, NZSA members come from many disciplines.

[New Zealand Society of Authors](#)

The New Zealand Writers Guild (NZWG)

The New Zealand Writers Guild - Puni Taatuhi o Aotearoa is a professional association of screen script writers.

[NZ Writers Guild](#)

Collective advocacy

As your networks build around a shared purpose you might also consider developing a shared language and understanding. This is becoming an expectation of funding organisations. Read this article for more insights.

[Singing with a shared voice | Creative Waikato](#)



He aha kei tua | What's next?

Develop your own next steps and collaborate with others to continue to grow your career. Consider what is on top for you, and who you can go to for support in the following areas:

- **Networks and networking**
- **Advocates and advocacy**