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High-Tech Innovation: Culture-Centred Design Principles

Mahonri Owen

Ngāti Hine, Ngāti Tūwharetoa

Mahonri is better known for his work in neural prosthetics through the University of Waikato. In this session he explores how design principles grounded in mātauranga and interconnection inform his work developing next-generation biomedical technology that adapts to people, environments and changing life contexts.

Māori Futurism and Interactive Media: Our Indigenous Advantage in Tech Spaces

Hine-kaunuku (Morgana) Watson

Te Atiawa, Taranaki, Te Ati Haunui-a-Pāpārangi, Ngāpuhi

Founder and director of New Plymouth-based 4Phase Aotearoa, Māori interactive media creator, Hine-kaunuku lives and works in Taranaki, grounding her practice in place, whakapapa and tikanga. She draws on Māori game development to examine how Māori futurism and interactive media embed mātauranga Māori into media design.

Melanie Mark-Shabolt

Ngāti Kahungunu, Rangitane, Ngāti Porou, Te Arawa, Ngāti Raukawa, Tūwharetoa, Whakatohea, Te Ātiawa, MacIntosh, Gunn

**More information
coming soon**



Kia Hora Te Marino: Navigating Change as Māori Leaders in RSIT

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Science

Kura Paul-Burke

Ngāti Awa, Ngāti Whakahemo, Ngāti Mākino, Ngāti Pūkeko, Irish

Kura is a marine ecologist with extensive pragmatic and successful experience combining mātauranga Māori and marine science to assist kaitiakitanga, environmental restoration, monitoring and management priorities for marine taonga species and spaces with coastal hapū and iwi.

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Innovation

James Whetū

Raukawa, Waikato, Ngāti Tūwharetoa

Born and raised in hearty Tokoroa, James has a professional background in resource management policy and planning systems. He has the added nous to critically analyse work situations regarding governance, planning, policy, strategy, research and innovation. He finds innovative solutions that meet the interests of all parties; solutions that incorporate indigenous values, traditions and knowledge within other Western ideologies, world-views and frameworks.

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Technology

Te Taka Keegan

Waikato-Maniapoto, Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Whakaue

A trailblazing academic from the Computer Science Department, University of Waikato, Te Taka has taken his knowledge, skill and services nationally and internationally through traditional navigation, Māori language technologies, Indigenous language interfaces and use of te reo in a technological environment.