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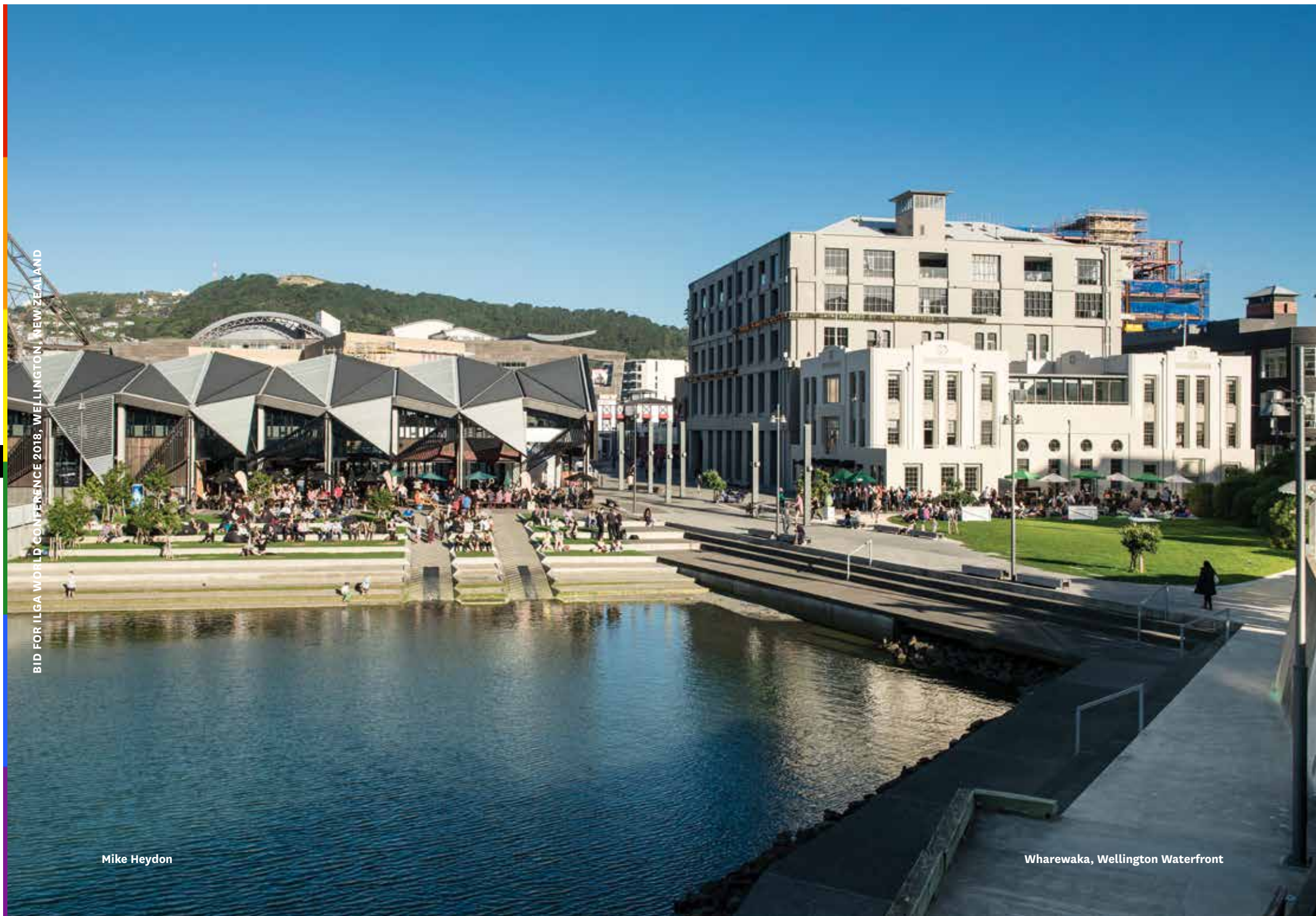
Pōwhiri – *Welcome*

E ngā whānau ILGA o te ao
Nau mai haere mai
Ki Te Whanganui a Tara
ki Aotearoa
ki Te Moananui a Kiwa

To all the LGBTIQ leaders and members of ILGA
throughout the world
We welcome you
to Wellington in Aotearoa New Zealand
in the Great Pacific Ocean

The Host Rōpū of Intersex Trust Aotearoa New Zealand, Tīwhanawhana Trust and
RainbowYOUTH invite you to attend the next ILGA World Conference in Wellington,
22-26 October 2018. Wellington is the vibrant and LGBTIQ-friendly capital of
Aotearoa New Zealand. Our communities are ready to welcome you with open arms.

See you in 2018!



Mike Heydon

Wharewaka, Wellington Waterfront



Host Rōpū – *Host Organisations*

- ▶ **Intersex Trust Aotearoa New Zealand**
- ▶ **Tīwhanawhana Trust**
- ▶ **RainbowYOUTH**



Intersex Trust Aotearoa New Zealand

(est 1996)



Vision

A world that supports bodily autonomy of all intersex people and provides safe, respectful care across the span of life.

Mission

Ending shame, secrecy and unnecessary cosmetic surgeries. Providing education, workshops and lectures with the goal of ensuring appropriate, respectful, treatment, and choices for all intersex people, their families and loved ones.

Whakataukī

Huihuitia ō tātou ritenga; whakanuia ō tātou rerekētanga
Gather up what we share in common; celebrate where we differ from each other.



Mani Bruce Mitchell (they/them/non-binary)
Founder/Executive Director

"For the past 20 years I have worked collaboratively with national and international organisations to increase intersex awareness and to decrease shame and stigma. I am a clinical supervisor, private practice therapist, gender variance specialist, educator and change agent. I have been involved in the production of a number of award winning documentaries about intersex people. I promote a new medical model based on the concerns and lived experience of intersex peoples that celebrates our wonderful diversity, provides safe inclusive care across the life span and supports family and whānau. I am also on the Boards of ILGA Oceania and interACT in USA."



Tom Hamilton (he/him)
Board

Tommy Hamilton has worked in Aotearoa for the past 12 years as a volunteer of trans support groups, as a manager in the youth sector and LGBTI community sector, and currently as a consultant and counsellor to the array of communities living with sex, gender and sexuality diverse identities and those whānau/family and friends who support us. Tommy's work aims to develop communities autonomously and collectively, aiming to engage intersecting identities that may appear marginal but offer unique possibilities to challenge the norms of society.



Tiwhanawhana Trust

(est 2001)



Tiwhanawhana



Since the late 1980s, Māori with diverse sexes, genders and sexualities have increasingly adopted the identity of 'takatāpui' – a traditional Māori term which connects us to our ancestors and spirituality. As indigenous people on colonised land, takatāpui reclaim our histories to foster pride in who we are, where we come from, what we need and what we have to say.

Tiwhanawhana Trust was established for takatāpui to live our culture in a way that upholds our diversity; address racism and discrimination in LGBTIQ communities; and combat homophobia, biphobia and transphobia in Māori society. Tiwhanawhana promotes the health and well-being of takatāpui as we seek to "tell our stories, build our communities and leave a legacy." Understanding the connectedness of all things, Tiwhanawhana is involved in local and national projects including primary health care, mental health, sexual health, suicide prevention, human rights, education, youth development, housing, homelessness, research; and sexual, intimate partner and other violence.

Tiwhanawhana is spearheading an intersectional and intergenerational National Rainbow Strategy to coordinate effort across our diverse cultures, sexes, genders, and sexualities. Through our work, we aim to guide a national movement that honours our ancestors, respects our elders, works closely with our peers and looks after our young people.

Vision

Tiwhanawhana ai he kahukura i te rangi
A rainbow is forming in the sky (which speaks to both inclusion and leadership)

Mission

Takatāpui to 'tell our stories, build our communities and leave a legacy'



Elizabeth Kerekere (she/her)

Founder/Board Chair

Iwi: Ngāti Oneone, Te Aitanga ā Mahaki, Whānau a Kai, Rongowhakaata, Ngāi Tāmanuhiri

“An activist within LGBTIQ communities for nearly 30 years, I am most passionate about the health and well-being of takatāpui and youth. Leading the political advocacy for Tīwhanawhana has me giving speeches, running workshops and training, conducting research, making resources, mentoring youth leaders and sitting on the national Boards of LAGANZ (Rainbow archive) and Ara Taiohi (youth development). As an artist, I conceived the idea of a National Rainbow Strategy to weave together LGBTIQ needs and aspirations across our diverse cultures, sexes, genders and sexualities.”



Kevin Haunui (he/him)

Deputy Chair

Iwi: Te Whānau ā Apanui, Whakatōhea, Tūhoe, Ngāti Kahungunu, Tūwharetoa, Te Āti Hau, Ngāti Rangī, Ngāti Uenuku

“I am Māori and takatāpui. I care deeply about whānau (family), community and the land we live in. Ultimately, everything I do is about contributing towards a place where we embrace life, where we can add value, and where we are valued for the things we do, great or small.”

He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata! He tangata! He tangata! *What is the greatest thing in this world? It is people! It is people! It is people!*



RainbowYOUTH
(est 1989)



RainbowYOUTH

RainbowYOUTH is dedicated to helping young queer and gender diverse (LGBTIQ) people up to the ages of 28, as well as their wider communities. We provide referral, peer-support groups, information, a drop-in centre, resources, training and volunteer opportunities. At RainbowYOUTH, we're about fostering a safe, inclusive, accepting and diverse family environment. We are drug, smoke, and alcohol free. Our motto is Know Who You Are, Be Who You Are. The Tiwhanawhana Trust in Wellington have gifted us a version of our motto in te reo Māori: Whaia to ake ngakaunui, i te pono, i te marama. Simply translated, it means: Follow your desires with truth and clarity.

Vision

Acceptance of the diversity of sexuality and gender in Aotearoa New Zealand.
Know Who You Are, Be Who You Are.
Whaia to ake ngakaunui, i te pono, i te marama
Follow your desires with truth and clarity.

Mission

Fostering a safe, inclusive, accepting and diverse family environment.



Duncan Matthews (he/him)

Executive Director

“I’ve been volunteering and working within New Zealand’s LGBTI community since 2007. My focus during that time has been on community building, youth development, organisational development and financial management. With a background in Computer Science, I bring a different viewpoint to many in the sector.”



Toni Duder (she/her)

Communications and Operations Manager

Iwi: Ngā Puhi

“I’ve been working at RainbowYOUTH since 2013, focusing on communication, social media engagement and creating a brand presence for RainbowYOUTH. I have also created and led the *I’m Local Project* - RainbowYOUTH’s rural resource distribution project. It puts rural LGBTIQ youth and rural communities in Aotearoa New Zealand at the heart of its focus. I have a background in creative writing, and was born in Northland.”



Host Values

The Host Rōpū identified six key values to guide their vision for Wellington 2018: Mana Motuhake, Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Whānau, Whanaungatanga, Manaaki Manuhiri and Pārekareka.

► **Mana Motuhake: Autonomy and Leadership**

We are each separate legal entities with our own Boards, staff (ITANZ/Ry), volunteers and networks. We each maintain our own autonomy during this process and come to the table with an equal voice. We look for strength-based and value-based ways of working together to achieve our shared goals.

► **Whānau: Intergenerational Roles and Responsibilities**

At its most basic level Whānau implies belonging and inclusion with inherent responsibilities and accountabilities. The Bid Organisations represent and advocate for LGBTIQ+ people of every generation. We acknowledge the essential wisdom and experience of our kaumātua, pakeke and rangatahi; our elders, adults and young people so each has an equal voice in this process.

► **Manaaki Manuhiri: Honouring Our Guests**

We will ensure our national and international guests enjoy their time in Wellington and in Aotearoa New Zealand. Guests will feel safe within the Conference; physically, mentally and spiritually. We will provide social options that respect the diversity of culture, race, sex, gender, sexuality, age, class and ability we expect to attend.

► **Te Tiriti o Waitangi: Decolonising Sexuality & Gender**

The impact of colonisation on the indigenous people of Aotearoa New Zealand is acknowledged through a stated commitment to the Treaty of Waitangi. That commitment is made operational through the involvement of Tīwhanawhana and the use of te reo and tikanga (Māori language and culture) in all aspects of the Bid and the World Conference itself. It also acknowledges the use of the term 'takatāpui' for Māori and other culturally based terms for diverse sexes, genders and sexualities.

► **Whanaungatanga: Extended Relationships**

Each of the Bid Organisations specialise in developing key relationships to benefit our combined communities. During this process, we will reinforce relationships with ILGA World and ILGA Oceania and with government, NGOs and corporate sectors. Most importantly, we will support building the capacity of the Rainbow communities of Wellington to host the Social Programme of the Conference.

► **Pārekareka: Having Fun!**

Finally, we must have fun. The effort required to undertake this process will be lightened by intelligent wit and the compulsion to laugh together. We will deal with challenges with patience, good faith and great humour as we strive to be our 'best selves' in all circumstances.



Letters of Support

- ▶ **NZ Parliamentary Network**
- ▶ **NZ Human Rights Commission**
- ▶ **NZ Police**
- ▶ **ILGA Oceania**
- ▶ **Wellington City Council**



Rainbow

NZ PARLIAMENTARY NETWORK

Letter of support for Wellington 2018 ILGA World Conference

We are writing to give our full support to Wellington's bid to be the host city for the 29th ILGA World Conference in 2018.

The NZ Cross Party Parliamentary Rainbow network includes members of parliament from five of the seven political parties in our parliament, including two political party leaders. The membership includes heterosexual allies and lesbian, bi-sexual, gay and takatāpui cis members. The purpose of our group is to provide education & leadership on LGBTI rights within and from Parliament and to consider/ lobby for policy and legislation to progress LGBTI rights.

We are confident that the proposed hosts Intersex Trust Aotearoa New Zealand, Tiwhanawhana Trust and Rainbow Youth, will engage the diverse communities within Wellington and New Zealand who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, intersex, takatāpui and many others, to ensure a great conference atmosphere.

We are very proud of our amazing communities in Aotearoa-New Zealand and believe the way they work together and really embrace diversity will provide inspiration for others as well as an incredible Conference.

We believe NZ has made some good progress on LGB rights but we are also very mindful of the work we still need to do. Human rights is a key theme that underpins ILGA as it does in our roles as Members of Parliament in New Zealand. It would mean a lot to us and our communities to have this conference here and we hope it would provide strength and inspiration for the next stage of work we need to do to progress rights in NZ and the Pacific.

We look forward to the opportunity to meet you all in 2018.

Nau mai, haere mai.

Louisa Wall MP

Paul Foster-Bell MP

Jan Logie MP



20 October 2016

ILGA Secretariat
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SWITZERLAND

Re: Hosting Bid, ILGA World Conference 2018

Ka takī te tītī, ka takī te kākā, ka takī hoki ahau – tihei mauri ora.

Tēnā koutou, e ka rakatira takatāpui puta noa o te Ao Whānui, kei ILGA. Tēnā koutou i ruka i te aroha ki a rātou mā kua whawhaitia te whawhai mo ā tātou tika tākata, a kua wheturakitia - rātou ki a rātou ka moe. He mihi nui tēnei ki a koutou e whai ana i ā rātou tapuwae, nō reira ōku tino rakatira – tēnā tātou katoa.

As do the birds of the sea and the birds of the forest, so now do I call out to you – behold the breath of life!

Greetings to the leadership of the LGBTIQ+ communities of the World, represented in ILGA. Greetings to you in the love we share for those who have fought for our human rights, and who have taken their place in the stars – we remember them always. Greetings to you, our chiefs of today, who follow in their footsteps – greetings one and all.

Purpose of this letter

I write to you to offer the endorsement of the New Zealand Human Rights Commission for the bid for Aotearoa-New Zealand to host the ILGA World Conference in Wellington in 2018.

Who are we?

The NZ Human Rights Commission (NZHRC) is New Zealand's National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) which currently holds an A-status accreditation as an NHRI in the United Nations framework. Our purpose is to promote and protect the human rights of all people in Aotearoa New Zealand. We work for a free, fair, safe and just New Zealand, where diversity is valued and human dignity and rights are respected.

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The human rights of people of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities is included in the brief of the NZHRC and in the work the organisation does on a regular basis. Our organisation was recently accorded the Rainbow Tick, a certification mark awarded to organisations that have completed a diversity and inclusion certification process which assesses whether a workplace understands, values, and welcomes sexual and gender diversity. As another example, in 2008 the NZHRC published the final report into its enquiry into the rights of Trans* people [*To Be Who I Am / Kia noho au ki tōku anō ao*](#), which was a world first for a NHRI. The implementation of the recommendations of this report is ongoing and so far has required work by the NZHRC, government agencies, trans people and the wider community.

The proactive and responsive sexual orientation and gender identity work in the NZHRC's current Business Plan aligns very closely with the priorities identified by our community partners and stakeholders, and the three organisations collaborating on the bid cover the interests of a range of groups particularly vulnerable in our communities, being Māori people, intersex people, and young people.

NZHRC's support for the ILGA World Conference Bid

The NZHRC wishes to record its strong support the Aotearoa-New Zealand bid to host the 2018 ILGA World Conference for the following reasons:

- Aotearoa-New Zealand is a great place to hold a conference
- Wellington is a very attractive and accessible city to host a meeting in
- The host organisations have everything they need to be great hosts of a great conference.

The Country

Aotearoa-New Zealand is a small developed country in the South Pacific, with a very good human rights record. Aotearoa-New Zealand was a contributing party to the development of the United Nations (UN) Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and is a signatory to all the major UN human rights instruments. Same sex sexual activity was decriminalised in Aotearoa-New Zealand in 1986, anti-discrimination law covered sexual orientation from 1993, civil unions were legislated for in 2004, and same-sex marriages were first celebrated in 2013. Aotearoa-New Zealand has a democratic government, has a strong adherence to the rule of law, and has a high safety rating.

The City

Wellington is the capital city of Aotearoa-New Zealand, home to the NZ Parliament and the NZ Government as well as a substantial number of the country's other key institutions. With the CBD situated on the waterfront of its magnificent harbour, Wellington is attractive and compact, and it has a comprehensive public transport system making it more accessible than most cities in the country. For those who like to go out after the work is done, Wellington boasts a thriving nightlife.



The Host Organisations

ITANZ (Intersex Trust of Aotearoa-New Zealand), Tiwhanawhana Trust and Rainbow Youth Incorporated are all well-established, trusted and respected organisations in Aotearoa-New Zealand, with a national profile in the LGBTIQ+ space. All three organisations are seen by the NZHRC as key stakeholders, critical to our organisation's work in advancing LGBTIQ+ human rights, and we acknowledge the credibility that all three organisations have with government, with the iwi (Māori tribal), community and voluntary sector, and with the LGBTIQ+ communities that they work for and alongside.

In addition, we have viewed the draft programme for the event and we endorse the approach that the bid organisers are proposing for the running of the Conference.

The NZHRC is proud to support the bid to host the ILGA World 2018 Conference in Wellington, Aotearoa-New Zealand and commends the bid and its organisers to you.

Nō reira, kia piki te ora, te kaha me te maramataka ki a koutou – wishing you health, strength and enlightenment as you deliberate.

Heoi anō,

NEW ZEALAND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Richard Tankersley
Commissioner





20 October 2016

To whom it may concern.

Wellington District Police are aware that three New Zealand ILGA member organisations are bidding to host the World Conference of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA) to be held in New Zealand in 2018.

The mission of the New Zealand Police is 'to be the safest country', our vision is 'to have the trust and confidence of all' and our purpose is that our communities and people visiting New Zealand 'are safe and feel safe' while in our country. Further, one of the key core values of the New Zealand police is that of 'valuing diversity'.

Wellington District Police employ a diverse workforce which includes Diversity Liaison Officers who work closely within our LGBTI community. Visibility and a positive police presence at LGBTI events enables us to celebrate the diversity in our organisation and the communities we serve. There have been no safety concerns at any of the recent LGBTI events Wellington Police have supported.

Wellington District Police support the bid of the New Zealand ILGA Association and will actively participate in planning in terms of safety and security for this event should it be successful. This also includes liaison with other Government Agencies if required.

Yours sincerely

Inspector Tracey Thompson
Maori Responsiveness Manager
Chair of the Wellington District Diversity Advisory Network
Wellington Police District



Letter of Support

2018 ILGA WORLD CONFERENCE BID 13 October 2016

Dear ILGA attendees,

We are pleased to learn that Wellington has been nominated as the host-city for the ILGA World Conference in the year 2018.

Wellington has a long tradition in hosting LGBTI events, conferences and recently hosted the Asia Pacific OutGames in 2011 offering excellent facilities as well as expert professionals of the organisation and technical services.

The City, hosted the ILGA Oceania Conference in March of 2016 and was the highest participated conference ILGA Oceania has ever had. It was a great success. We engaged over 200 people for the conference which per capita is the highest amount of conference attendees in any region for ILGA.

If Wellington does win the right to host the conference, it will be the first time that ILGA world visits the Oceania Region for a conference. We think that it is timely that ILGA comes to Oceania and celebrate the 40th anniversary in Oceania.

We will welcome you with all the diversity of the Oceania Region

On behalf of ILGA Oceania

Rawa Karetai

ILGA Oceania, Co-Convenor

25 October 2016

To Whom It May Concern

Hosting the 2018 ILGA World Conference in Wellington

The International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA) is dedicated to achieving equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex people.

Wellington, the capital of New Zealand, would be an ideal place to hold ILGA's 2018 World Conference.

Here in Wellington, New Zealand passed the Homosexual Law Reform Act back in 1986, legalising consensual sex between men aged 16 and older. In 1993 it became legal for homosexuals and bisexuals to serve openly in the military. In 2013, we became one of the first countries in the world to legalise same-sex marriage.

This year Wellington has removed several of the inner city's green 'crossing man' pedestrian lights and instead installed new green lights with the silhouette of an iconic local transgender woman and LGBT rights advocate.

Most importantly, young people in Wellington are taking initiative. Earlier this year, two groups of students at different high schools lobbied their schools and got gender neutral bathrooms installed.

When I look on the ILGA website at the map of the overview of the Sexual Orientation Laws in the World, I'm really proud of Wellington and New Zealand, yet really disheartened by how far there is yet to go.

At the time of my writing this, same-sex acts are still punishable with imprisonment in 73 countries and the death penalty in 13 states. Only 47 countries recognise same-sex unions.

ILGA have been working relentlessly to achieve equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual,

trans and intersex people, and achieve liberation from all forms of discrimination. It's a big target; one that I wholeheartedly support.

I'm adding my voice to the chorus from ITANZ, Tiwhanwhana and Rainbow Youth, as Wellington would be an excellent place to host your 2018 World Conference.

Come to a welcoming, inclusive city with great facilities and second-to-none sights and experiences on offer.

Come to Wellington.

Kind regards



Justin Lester
Mayor of Wellington, New Zealand





Community Support

- ▶ **Air New Zealand**
- ▶ **Auckland Pride Festival**
- ▶ **DANSS**
- ▶ **DSW Swimming**
- ▶ **EquAsian**
- ▶ **Gender Minorities Aotearoa**
- ▶ **InsideOUT**
- ▶ **Kava Club**
- ▶ **LAGANZ**
- ▶ **Lesbian News Aotearoa**
- ▶ **Love Life Fono Trust**
- ▶ **New Zealand AIDS Foundation**
- ▶ **Out at PSA**
- ▶ **OUTLineNZ**
- ▶ **Rainbow Team Wellington**
- ▶ **Rainbow Wellington**
- ▶ **Wellington Gay Welfare**
- ▶ **Wellington Pride Festival**



Air New Zealand is pleased to be able to support the bid for ILGA 2018 in New Zealand. With our proud history of celebrating diversity – we were excited to be able to host the first same-sex marriage at 30,000ft in 2013 with support from Jesse Tyler Ferguson. The atmosphere onboard was incredibly festive and the applause following the couple's vows was heartfelt. We are also always looking for new ways to go glam – from our world famous Mardi Gras flight complete with eyelashes and feather boa to engagement in the annual Auckland Pride Parade. We look forward to the opportunities for collaboration with ILGA 2018.



PRIDE

Auckland Pride Festival Incorporated facilitates and promotes the delivery of the Auckland Pride Festival, which includes the largest Pride Parade in New Zealand. Our goal is to develop the mana and standing of the Rainbow Communities by providing opportunities for the Rainbow Communities to create and participate in cultural, sporting and social events and activities under the umbrella of 'Pride'. We aim to foster an environment that celebrates Auckland and New Zealand's culture, sexual orientation and gender diversity.





Established in 1998, DANSS' principal activity is to run fun, social, same-sex dancing classes in Wellington. To make the classes available to everyone, entry is by koha (donation). In 2008, members of DANSS established an incorporated society – DANSS 2008 Incorporated – to run an annual same-sex dance competition. Its competitions are known for their friendly and welcoming atmosphere and regularly attract competitors from Australia.



DSW is Wellington's LGBTI swimming club. We were formed in 2008 and since that time we've swum regularly with coached and social sessions, our members have competed internationally in the Gay Games and Outgames, and we've organised our own regular swim meet in Wellington. We welcome swimmers of all ages and abilities.





EquAsian (www.equasian.org.nz) is a volunteer organisation that aims to provide support and information for Asian Rainbow people, and their friends, whanau, and those who work with them throughout Aotearoa, New Zealand. We are run by Asians, for Asians, who are ages 16 and over. EquAsian provides support through peer-to-peer social support service. Creating safe spaces for Asian people, such as social support groups, discussion groups, education workshops, and also online resources. EquAsian is a space where respect is an integral component to ensure the well-being of our members are met through safety and acceptance. This means respect of sexual identities, gender diversity, romantic identities, cultural and ethnic identities. We are also body positive and condemn any kind of body shaming. In the last two years we have become hugely successful among Asian rainbow community and will continue to grow in coming years.



GENDER MINORITIES AOTEAROA

Gender Minorities Aotearoa is a cross cultural and peer led organisation for transgender, Takatāpui, intersex, and other sex and gender minorities. We advocate for human rights, access to health, and well being. We support the building of empowered communities and the end of violence, stigma, and discrimination.





InsideOUT is a national youth lead charity, with a vision for all young people of minority sexualities, sexes and genders in Aotearoa New Zealand to have a sense of belonging and safety in their schools and communities. InsideOUT fosters the building and provision of resources, education, information, hui and relevant tools which work to improve the health, wellbeing and safety of young people of minority sexualities, sexes and genders.



Kava Club is a Pacifica Māori arts collective based in Te Whanganui a Tara (Wellington). Our kaupapa is based around indigenous concepts such as the tuakana-teina model of learning and exchanging knowledge, as well as manaakitanga/tautua and whakawhanaungatanga. We hold a popular forum known as the Chop Suey Hui with an ever changing theme, where artists activists and people in our community give presentations, have interactive discussions or perform live music and dance for the general public. We also provide chop suey and all our events are free of charge. We held 'The Gayzeebo - A Pacific Response to the Gay Narrative' to coincide with the 30th Anniversary of Homosexual Law Reform. This was also in part a collaboration with Tiwhanawhana members Vic Biddle and Chanel Hati who both ran workshops based around their cultural art practices.





The Lesbian and Gay Archives of New Zealand Trust (LAGANZ) provides an archival repository for the personal papers of lesbians, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex (LGBTI) persons and organisations and for documents of historical interest. These papers and related documents are accessed through New Zealand's national documentary heritage collections of the Alexander Turnbull Library, within the National Library of New Zealand. The 2016 ILGA Oceania conference and AsiaPacific Outgames Human Rights Conference in 2011 were significant events for LAGANZ and the wider LGBTI community in Wellington. The conference in 2011 was real eye opener in respect of bringing the world to Wellington. The 2018 ILGA World Conference would be an opportunity to showcase/acknowledge what we in New Zealand have achieved and also what we can learn from the overseas delegates and the event itself. It would also be an opportunity to support LGBTI communities in other countries especially in the Pacific. LAGANZ supports the bid for the 2018 ILGA World Conference to be held in Wellington.



Lesbian News Aotearoa, as a national news website for lesbians and queer women in Aotearoa New Zealand, strongly supports the Wellington bid for the ILGA World Conference in 2018. We work closely with the three organisations co-ordinating the bid, and are confident that they have the infrastructure, membership and knowledge to create an inclusive event that will highlight indigenous issues and identities from around the Pacific.

Same-sex love is illegal in many Pacific countries, and can be met with socially isolating and sometimes violent responses. The Pacific is also an area of unique gender identities, which have survived the repression of colonisation and are now flourishing. Aotearoa/New Zealand has its own indigenous takatāpui tradition of socially accepted same-sex love and a strong, more recent, history of lesbian-feminist and Rainbow activism. Wellington and the wider Pacific have much to contribute to the world conversation about Rainbow human rights.

Lesbian News Aotearoa is produced by a lesbian collective and is the online daughter of the Tāmaki Makaurau Lesbian Newsletter, which was published monthly from 1990 to 2014. The website events page and the LNA Facebook page are updated daily, enabling excellent news support for the conference. Members collectively have more than 100 years of experience with Rainbow communities around the country, and a long-term perspective on the growth and diversity of Rainbow politics.



LLF Trust was founded off the back of the 6th Biennial Love Life Fono. The aim of the Trust is to provide Pasifika LGBTI communities living in New Zealand with a space to connect with each other, and to empower Pasifika LGBTI communities to flourish.



New Zealand AIDS Foundation
Te Tūāpapa Mate Āraikore o Aotearoa

The New Zealand AIDS Foundation is the leading organisation working to both prevent the transmission of HIV and support people living with HIV in New Zealand. We are delighted to support ITANZ, Tiwhanawhana Trust and RainbowYOUTH in their bid to host the 2018 ILGA World Conference in Wellington and would proudly offer our support should the bid be successful.





Out at PSA is the PSA's network for members of diverse genders and sexualities. We aim to promote respectful, diverse and inclusive workplaces and public services. The PSA – the Public Service Association Te Pūkenga Here Tikanga Mahi – is New Zealand's largest union, representing nearly 62,000 workers in central government, state-owned enterprises, local councils, health boards and community groups.

Need someone
to talk to?

**OUT
LINE
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OUTLineNZ is the only nationwide 0800 telephone support, helpline and counselling service staffed by trained volunteers in New Zealand. We also offer face to face counselling by qualified counsellors either in our offices or via skype. The organisation was established in 1972.





Rainbow Team Wellington unites and supports Wellington's LGBTI Sport and Recreation Clubs. The member clubs are a primarily place where LGBTI people come together through their enjoyment of their sports and cultural activities: RTW promotes and connects the clubs, and is the organiser of the biennial Rainbow Sports and Culture Weekend in Wellington.



Rainbow Wellington, (a ILGA member) is a group representing the Human Rights interests and to organise the social activities for the LGBTIAQ+ and related queer groups in the Greater Wellington region of New Zealand. We support campaigns that impact on the LGBTI community domestically and Internationally through campaigning and fundraising.





Wellington Gay Welfare has a long standing place in Wellington's local LGBTI community, we have helped organise plenty of conferences and have been involved with incredible events that have happened over the last 30 years. Having ILGA World 2018 hosted in Wellington New Zealand would be something really beautiful for our community. It would give us a fabulous opportunity to show off our little capital and all the magical things we have on offer.



Wellington Pride Festival was extremely honoured to host ILGA Oceania's Health and Human rights conference during our Pride festival earlier this year. We loved seeing people from all around the world attending our events and having so much fun. We believe strongly in creating safe, inclusive spaces that really celebrate our community. Wellington Pride Festival would love to see ILGA World here in 2018, because we know how amazing our community is and now we want to show it off to the world.





Proposed Themes

- ▶ Ara Waka
- ▶ Whakapapa
- ▶ Ngā Kete
- ▶ Whakatupu

Ara Waka

Journeying Across Oceans

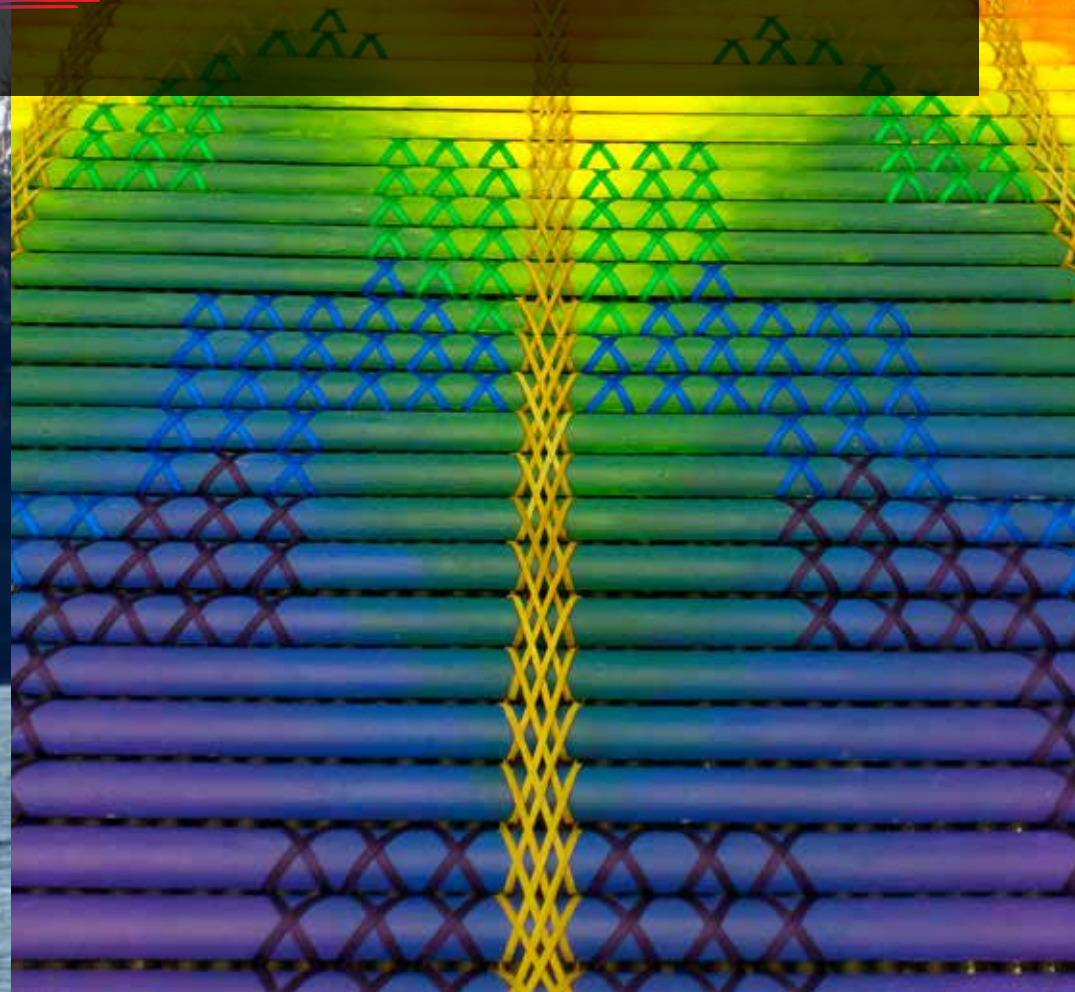
- ▶ Gathering from around the world
- ▶ Migration and movement



Whakapapa

Celebrating Our Histories

- ▶ ILGA - 40th Anniversary
- ▶ Cultural and community histories



Ngā Kete

Baskets of Knowledge

- Sharing diverse knowledge



Whakatupu

Growth and Prosperity

- Where we go from here







Draft Timeline

December 2016

- ▶ ILGA World Conference, Bangkok 2016
- ▶ Wellington 2018 website goes live
- ▶ Expressions of Interest open

May 2017

- ▶ Confirm Conference Themes

October 2017

- ▶ Registrations Open
- ▶ Call for Scholarships and Abstracts

March 2018

- ▶ Draft Programme
- ▶ Scholarships announced

June 2018

- ▶ Final Programme

October 2018

- ▶ ILGA World Conference, Wellington 2018

Wellington Waterfront





Draft Programme

DATE	MONDAY 22 OCTOBER	TUESDAY 23 OCTOBER	WEDNESDAY 24 OCTOBER	THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER	FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER
VENUE	PRE-CONFERENCE: Pipitea Marae		CONFERENCE: Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa		
PROGRAMME	<p>Pōwhiri: Traditional Māori Welcome</p> <p>Identity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Trans ► Intersex ► Bisexual ► Women 	<p>Thematic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Indigenous ► Education ► Health ► Workplace ► Interfaith ► Youth ► Elders ► UN advocacy 	<p>Opening Plenary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Workshops 	<p>Plenary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Workshops <p>Closing Plenary</p> <p>Poroporoaki: Farewell</p>
SOCIAL PROGRAMME	Multiple Community Events	Parliament Function	Te Papa Function	Multiple Community Events	Cuba Street Party



Ian Trafford

Up the Kelburn Hill



Host Venues

- ▶ **Pipitea Marae**
- ▶ **Parliament**
- ▶ **Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa**
- ▶ **Cuba Street**

Pipitea Marae

Pipitea Marae and Function Centre is one of Wellington's largest venues, offering conference facilities capable of seating 500 and cocktails for 900.

The internal upgrade has created a fresh large internal area free of pillars, new carpet and paint. Four break out areas, a separate boardroom and stage completes this venue.

Managed by the Wellington Functions Team, offering full onsite food and beverage services, make this venue a one-stop shop for numerous styles of events and functions.

Pipitea Marae, Wellington

Parliament

The Banquet Hall, on the first floor of the Beehive, is the largest function room in the parliamentary complex. Guests reach the Banquet Hall entrance from an open marble staircase with bronze balustrades that leads from the ground floor foyer.

The Banquet Hall is a semi-circular space, designed to be big enough to host state banquets with up to 300 guests. On the inner wall there is a large three-dimensional mural by John Boys Drawbridge (1930–2005). The mural portrays the atmosphere and sky of New Zealand using enamel gloss paint on aluminium angles. It is one of the artist's most significant works.

The décor of the Banquet Hall is dominated by Takaka marble on the lower walls and columns. The tongue and groove floor is made from tawa, a New Zealand native timber, laid in segments radiating from the core of the building.

Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa

Te Papa is New Zealand's bold and innovative national museum and a recognised world leader in interactive and visitor-focused museum experiences. As well as being a six level museum that showcases New Zealand's national art and treasures, it is also a unique conference and events venue that combines serious business with outstanding hospitality.

The stunning waterfront location puts Te Papa at the heart of Wellington, and provides plenty of natural light and lovely harbour views. Te Papa is close to all major hotels and public transport and offers plenty of onsite parking, so your guests will find us easy to get to.

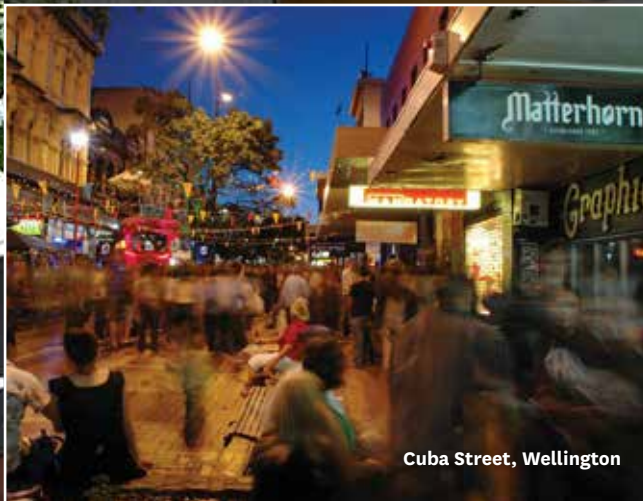
Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa offers you the opportunity to combine unique museum experiences with your event, and has a number of experienced in-house teams delivering a range of products and services.



Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa

Cuba Street

Cuba Street is a creative and culinary melting pot of buskers, art galleries, graffiti-filled alleyways, quirky cafes, nationally acclaimed restaurants and community exhibition spaces. One of the capital's icons, Cuba Street is a meeting of minds, menus and market culture enjoyed by everyone from young to old, hipsters to suits, locals to visitors. The Cuba quarter is widely regarded as the best place for vintage shopping in New Zealand thanks to a trail of second hand boutiques. Wellington's bohemian zone is also the best spot to follow your nose and stomach. It's here you'll find coveted award winning restaurants as well as a trail of cool cafes and eateries from cultures around the world.



Cuba Street, Wellington

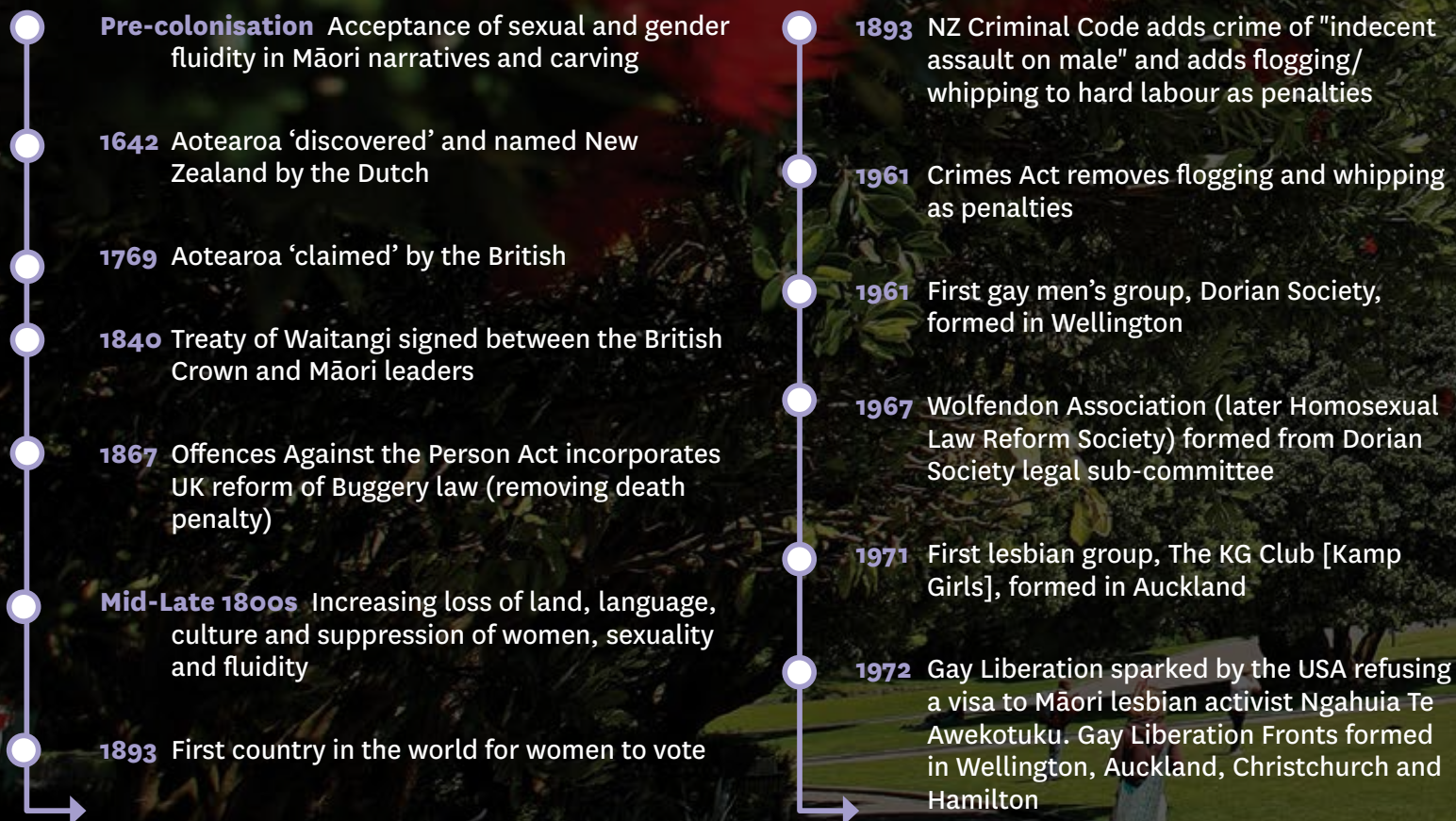






Aotearoa Historical Timeline

In Aotearoa New Zealand, our vibrant communities of people with diverse sexes, genders and sexualities follow on from Māori traditions dating back centuries. We have a proud history of supporting and organising at local, regional, national and legislative levels. As the Host Rōpū reflects, we have particular strengths in representation of takatāpui, trans and intersex peoples and young people.

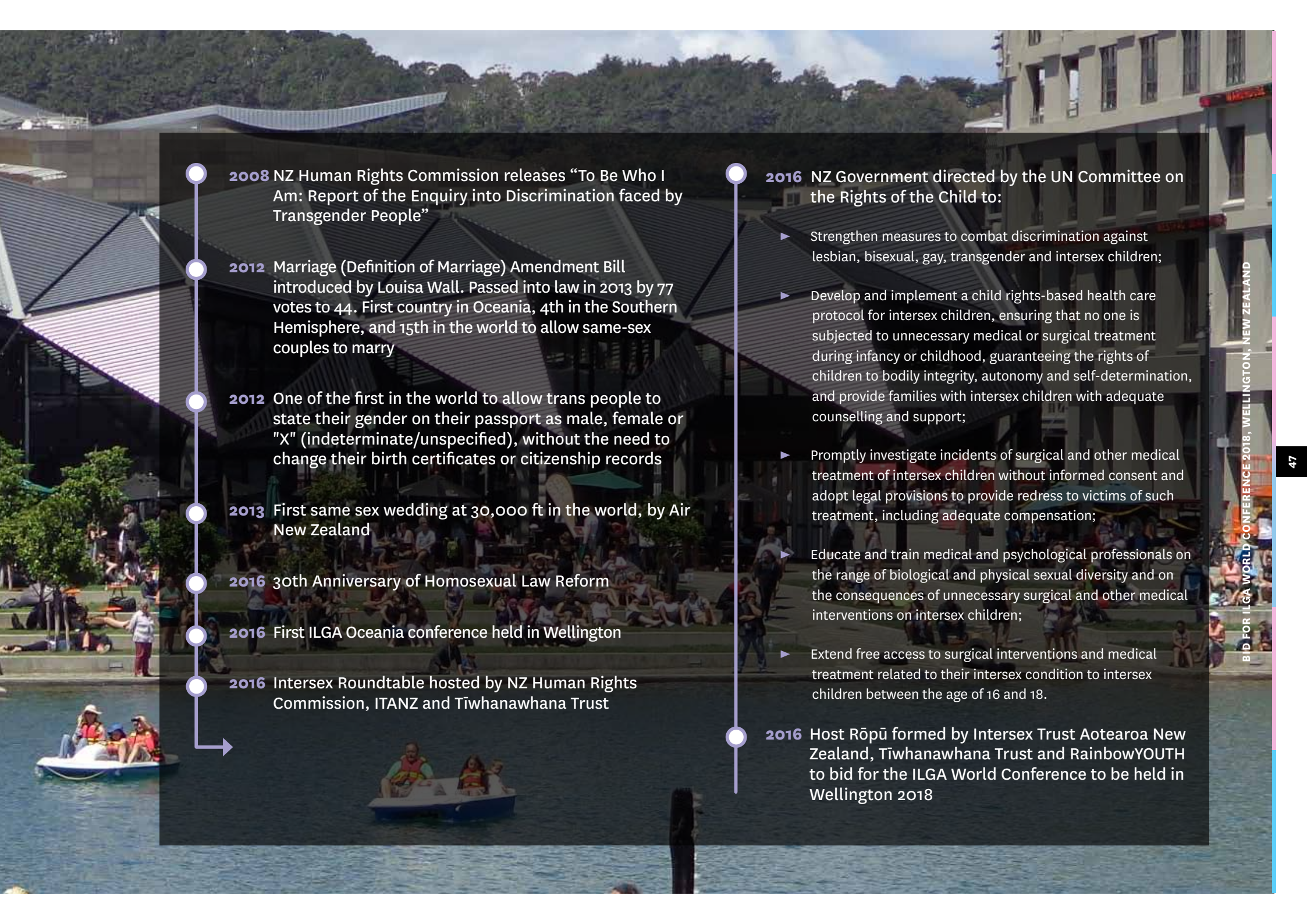


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- 1972** First national Gay & Lesbian Conference held in Wellington
 - 1973** S.H.E (Sisters for Homophile Equality) formed in Canterbury and Wellington (by Alison Laurie)
 - 1974** First National Lesbian Conference held in Wellington
 - 1974** Crimes Amendment Bill introduced by Venn Young. It is defeated
 - 1975** First openly gay man stands for Parliament, Robyn Duff, in Wellington
 - 1977** National Gay Rights Coalition (NGRC) formed
 - 1977** Lesbian and Gay Rights Resource Centre (later LAGANZ - the Lesbian and Gay Archives of New Zealand) established by NGRC in Wellington
 - 1979** Crimes Amendment Bill introduced by Warren Freer. It is eventually abandoned
 - 1979** First out Lesbian Centre in the world opens in Wellington

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- 1981** First takatāpui hui (gathering) for Māori lesbians, Black Dykes Hui (which included Pacific Island lesbians), held in Auckland
 - 1983** Bruce Burnett returns from USA and starts AIDS prevention in Auckland
 - 1984** AIDS Support Network formed in Auckland (later NZ AIDS Foundation)
 - 1984** MP Fran Wilde meets with Wellington community which leads to Gay Task Forces forming in Wellington, Auckland, Christchurch and Dunedin
 - 1985** Homosexual Law Reform introduced by Fran Wilde
 - 1986** Homosexual Law Reform Act (Part 1) passed into law by 49 votes to 44
 - 1986** First takatāpui hui (gathering) for Māori gay men and whakawāhine (trans women) held in Auckland
 - 1988** First takatāpui organisation, Te Roopu Tautoko, formed in Wellington to fight AIDS amongst Māori

- 1989 Crimes Act incorporates Homosexual Law Reform Act amendments
- 1989 RainbowYOUTH formed in Auckland
- 1993 The Human Rights Commission Amendment Act removes discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation ("heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual or lesbian") or HIV status
- 1993 First MP to come out as gay, Chris Carter, soon after his election in Auckland
- 1994 High Court rules that post-operative transsexuals can marry in their adopted sex
- 1994 First National Lesbian Studies conference in Wellington
- 1995 First transsexual Mayor in the world, Georgina Beyer, is elected Mayor of Carterton
- 1996 First lesbian television programme – the Topp Twins
- 1996 First openly gay MP elected, Tim Barnett, in Christchurch

- 1996 First intersex organisation, Intersex Society of NZ (Aotearoa), founded by Mani Bruce Mitchell in Wellington
- 1997 First Intersex Centre in the world opened in Wellington by the Intersex Society (later Intersex Trust Aotearoa New Zealand)
- 2001 First takatāpui organisation for all genders and sexualities, Tīwhanawhana Trust, founded by Elizabeth Kerekere
- 2003 First national Queer and Trans Youth conference organised by Sarah Helm
- 2004 Civil Union Bill introduced by Tim Barnett. Passed into law 2004 by 65 votes to 55
- 2004 First indigenous LGBTIQ television series in the world, Takatāpui, on the first free-to-air television channel (Māori Television Service) in the world
- 2005 Relationships (Statutory References) Act passed into law by 76 votes to 44 to remove discriminatory provisions on the basis of relationship status from a range of statutes and regulations



2008 NZ Human Rights Commission releases “To Be Who I Am: Report of the Enquiry into Discrimination faced by Transgender People”

2012 Marriage (Definition of Marriage) Amendment Bill introduced by Louisa Wall. Passed into law in 2013 by 77 votes to 44. First country in Oceania, 4th in the Southern Hemisphere, and 15th in the world to allow same-sex couples to marry

2012 One of the first in the world to allow trans people to state their gender on their passport as male, female or “X” (indeterminate/unspecified), without the need to change their birth certificates or citizenship records

2013 First same sex wedding at 30,000 ft in the world, by Air New Zealand

2016 30th Anniversary of Homosexual Law Reform

2016 First ILGA Oceania conference held in Wellington

2016 Intersex Roundtable hosted by NZ Human Rights Commission, ITANZ and Tīwhanawhana Trust

2016 NZ Government directed by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child to:

- ▶ Strengthen measures to combat discrimination against lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgender and intersex children;
- ▶ Develop and implement a child rights-based health care protocol for intersex children, ensuring that no one is subjected to unnecessary medical or surgical treatment during infancy or childhood, guaranteeing the rights of children to bodily integrity, autonomy and self-determination, and provide families with intersex children with adequate counselling and support;
- ▶ Promptly investigate incidents of surgical and other medical treatment of intersex children without informed consent and adopt legal provisions to provide redress to victims of such treatment, including adequate compensation;
- ▶ Educate and train medical and psychological professionals on the range of biological and physical sexual diversity and on the consequences of unnecessary surgical and other medical interventions on intersex children;
- ▶ Extend free access to surgical interventions and medical treatment related to their intersex condition to intersex children between the age of 16 and 18.

2016 Host Rōpū formed by Intersex Trust Aotearoa New Zealand, Tīwhanawhana Trust and RainbowYOUTH to bid for the ILGA World Conference to be held in Wellington 2018



Getting to Wellington

New Zealand is approximately a 10 hour direct flight from most places in the Pacific Rim, including Singapore, Hong Kong, Tokyo, the west coast of the USA and it is only a three hour flight for neighbouring Pacific Islands and the eastern seaboard of Australia.

Options to fly direct to Auckland (New Zealand's main international airport) or directly to Wellington with a new Singapore Airlines connection via Canberra. Numerous daily flights connect Auckland and Wellington with a one hour flight time.



Auckland Harbour

International Connections to Auckland

360+

Weekly flights connecting you to Auckland.

120+

International arrivals every day.

24

International Airlines fly direct to Auckland from 33 destinations around the world.



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Parliament Buildings Beehive Grounds, Wellington

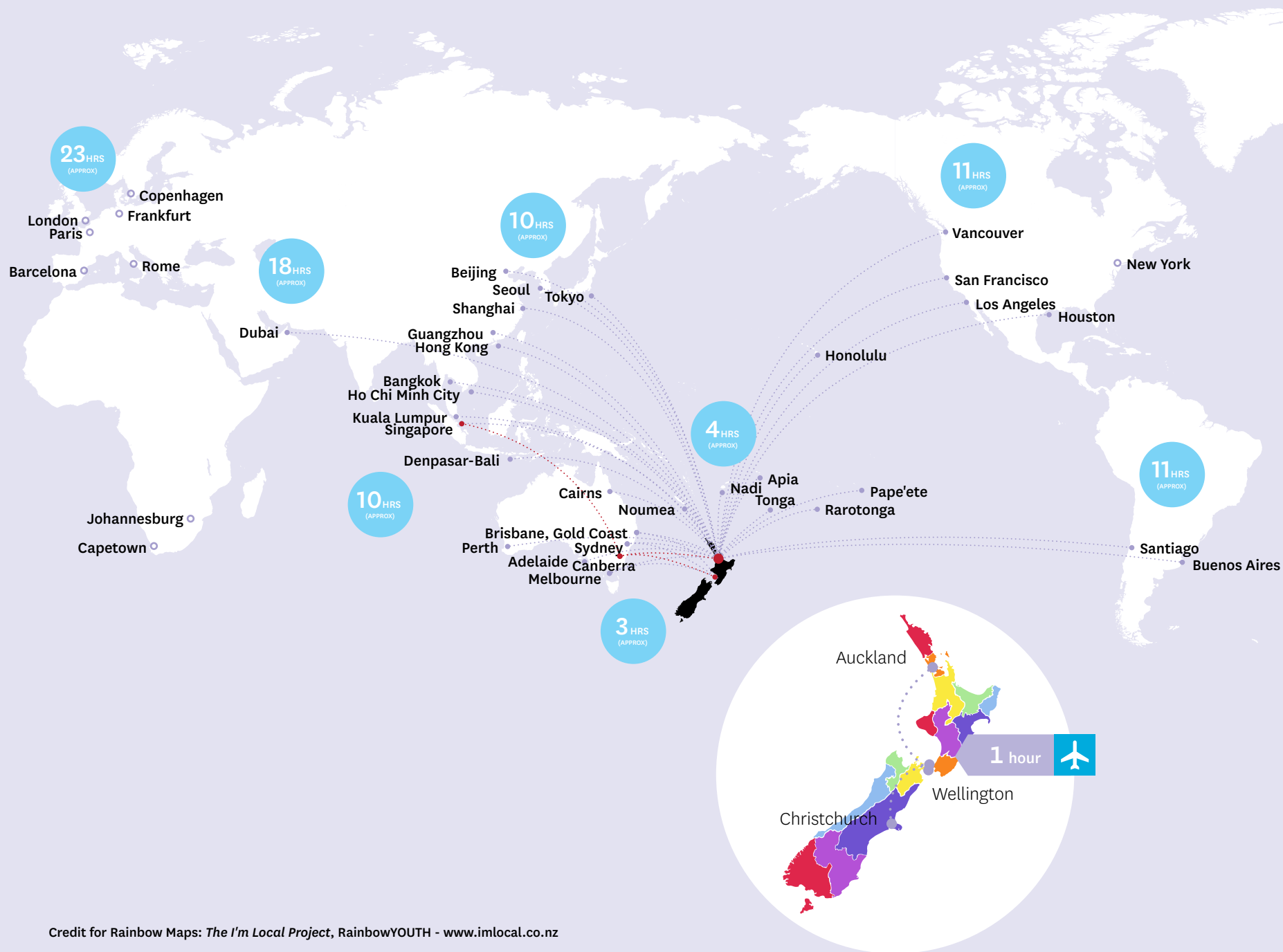
International connections to Wellington

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International Airlines fly directly to Wellington from 6 international destinations.

68

Direct Trans Tasman flights a week to Wellington.





Star Alliance Meetings Plus

The Host Rōpū will negotiate with Air New Zealand and Star Alliance for Wellington 2018. Star Alliance Meetings Plus provides an uncomplicated travel solution for small-medium events and meetings. Delegates will be given a nominated travel agent who uses the strength of the Star Alliance to gain the best airfare deal from wherever in the world you are coming from. It's easier, cheaper and much less hassle for you. You maintain full control of your travel arrangements and can enjoy all the added benefits of travelling such as earning miles or points through the Star Alliance network. For more information, please visit www.staralliance.com.



Visa Information

Having the right passport and visa organised is the key to a trouble free entry for delegates into New Zealand.

New Zealand's immigration requirements

Welcoming visitors to New Zealand and we'd like to think that when you come here that you have an experience to remember—but for the right reasons. So if you're coming to New Zealand, it's a good idea to make sure you have everything ready.

When you arrive in New Zealand, you'll need to be carrying a passport that is valid for at least three months beyond your intended departure date. Many people will qualify for visa-free entry, but depending on your country of origin, you may need to apply for a visa before you travel.

Do you need a visa or permit?

You do not need a visa or permit to visit New Zealand if you are:

- ▶ A New Zealand/Australia citizen or Resident Permit holder
- ▶ An Australian Citizen travelling on an Australian passport
- ▶ British citizen and/or British passport holder who can produce evidence of the right to reside permanently in the UK (you can stay up to six months)
- ▶ A citizen of a country which has a visa waiver agreement with New Zealand (you can stay up to three months).

If you come from Visa-waiver countries, you don't need a visa to enter New Zealand, but are still required to provide:

- ▶ Travel tickets or evidence of onward travel arrangements
- ▶ Evidence that you can support yourself in New Zealand (approximately NZD1000 per month per person).

www.immigration.govt.nz

Visa Waiver Countries

Andorra	Hong Kong	Oman
Argentina	Hungary	Poland
Australia	Iceland	Portugal
Austria	Ireland	Romania
Bahrain	Israel	Qatar
Belgium	Italy	San Marino
Brazil	Japan	Saudi Arabia
Brunei	Korea (South)	Singapore
Bulgaria	Kuwait	Slovak Republic
Canada	Latvia	Slovenia
Chile	Liechtenstein	South Africa
Croatia	Lithuania	Spain
Cyprus	Luxembourg	Sweden
Czech Republic	Macau	Switzerland
Denmark	Malaysia	Taiwan
Estonia	Malta	United Arab Emirates
Finland	Mexico	United States of America
France	Monaco	Uruguay
Germany	Netherlands	Vatican City
Greece	Norway	

Travel Tips



Climate

The far north of New Zealand is subtropical whilst the south is more temperate. The warmest months are traditionally December, January and February, and the coolest June, July and August.

In summer, the average maximum daytime temperatures range between 20–30°C and in winter between 10–15°C. You can check weather conditions in New Zealand on the New Zealand MetService website: www.metservice.com.



Mobile telephones

Check with your phone company before leaving home about international mobile roam facilities available in New Zealand. Alternatively you can hire or buy mobile phones or SIM cards in New Zealand. Note that signal is not available in all rural areas.



Healthcare

New Zealand's public and private medical and hospital facilities provide a high standard of treatment and care. Medical services are not free to visitors. It's recommended you purchase travel and health insurance before you visit. No vaccination certificates are required. There are no snakes or dangerous wild animals in New Zealand.



Money

New Zealand's currency is the dollar (NZD). You can use all major credit cards in New Zealand, with Visa and MasterCard accepted most widely.



Internet and Wi-Fi access in New Zealand

If you're looking to stay connected to the internet everywhere you go, it's recommended that you purchase a plan from one of New Zealand's main networks. Purchasing a plan from a network will allow you to access a mix of data, calling and texting throughout your trip to suit your communication and connection needs. You will find that free Wi-Fi is available in most hotel accommodation and hospitality outlets.



Electricity

New Zealand's electricity supply runs at 230/240 volts, and we use angled two or three pin plugs (the same as Australia).

Wellington Accommodation

With an excellent selection of hotels within walking distance of the conference venue, ranging from budget to luxury boutique, Wellington has accommodation to suit all needs with rates from NZD66.00 per night.



InterContinental Wellington

★★★★★

Offering 232 superbly appointed guest rooms including fully-refurbished Deluxe and Club Guest Room and Suites, the InterContinental Wellington offers everything you'd expect from a first-class hotel. Adjacent to the iconic harbour waterfront and in the heart of the central business district.

Accommodation rates:

From NZD339.00 / USD240.42
From NZD409.00 / USD290.08
Includes one breakfast, extra NZD25.00 per person

8 minutes' walk to Te Papa
2 minutes' walk to TSB Bank Arena / Shed 6

www.intercontinental.com



Museum Art Hotel

★★★★★ Self-rated (Apartment option)

Wellington's luxurious art hotel offering 68 rooms with 'Coco Chanel inspired' lush gold and mirror interiors, as well as five function rooms and an award winning restaurant, Hippopotamus. The Museum Hotel is a 165 room luxury hotel located in the centre of Wellington city opposite Wellington's beautiful harbour and Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa. On site leisure facilities include a well-equipped fitness centre, sauna, indoor heated swimming pool, and spa pool.

Accommodation rates:

From NZD239.00 / USD169.51
Breakfast per person: NZD25.00

2 minutes' walk to Te Papa
10 minutes' walk to TSB Bank Arena / Shed 6

www.museumhotel.com



CQ Comfort Hotel Wellington

★★★★★

Located in the vibrant heart of the Cuba Quarter, at the doorstep is a melting pot of funky cafes, restaurants, boutique shops and art galleries. Give your delegates a taste of the best the cultural capital has to offer. The 3.5 star plus CQ Comfort Hotel Wellington exudes character and charm and is listed with the NZ Historical Places Trust. It holds a prestigious place in the history of Wellington. Softly refurbished in 2011, the hotel provides a comfortable stay and value for money.

Accommodation rates:

NZD127.00 / USD90.08
Breakfast per person: NZD28.00

10 minutes' walk to Te Papa
15 minutes' walk to TSB Bank Arena / Shed 6

www.cqwellington.com



Hotel Waterloo and Backpackers

★★★★★

Closest hostel to trains, buses and ferry. Located directly opposite Railway Station and close to Westpac Stadium. Facilities include ensuite bathrooms, TV room with Sky TV, games room with pool tables and the latest video games. Self catering kitchen as well as a lively bar and an in-house café which is able to provide breakfast, packed lunches and dinners for groups on request. Located inside Wellington's Waterloo Hotel, a classic Art Deco building, historically significant. Chosen for the Queen's 1953 Coronation Tour. Finalist in the backpackers category of the 1999, 2000 and 2001 NZ Tourism Awards.

Accommodation rates:

NZD66.00 / USD46.79
Breakfast per person: NZD20.00











20 minutes' walk to Te Papa
8 minutes' walk to TSB Bank Arena / Shed 6

www.hotelwaterloo.co.nz







Rates are in NZD and USD (Conversion at USD1 = NZD1.41 - as at 20 June 2016). All rates include New Zealand GST at 15% and are per night. All rooms are subject to availability. All accommodation is commissionable (not the breakfasts).

Proximity Map

We can't guarantee the weather but we can guarantee that you can find everything you might need within ten minutes' walk from the venues or your accommodation—whether it be excellent cuisine, craft beer, or the cultural experience of museums, art galleries and theatres.

-  NZ Parliament, Beehive
-  Pipitea Marae
-  Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa
-  Victoria University
-  Parks
-  Wellington Hospital
-  Wellington Museum
-  Oriental Parade
-  Botanic Gardens
-  Cuba Street

ACCOMMODATION ▶

-  1 InterContinental Wellington
-  2 Museum Art Hotel
-  3 CQ Comfort Hotel Wellington
-  4 Hotel Waterloo and Backpackers
-  5 Travelodge Wellington
-  6 Rydges Wellington



Before & After Touring

Te Ika a Māui – North Island

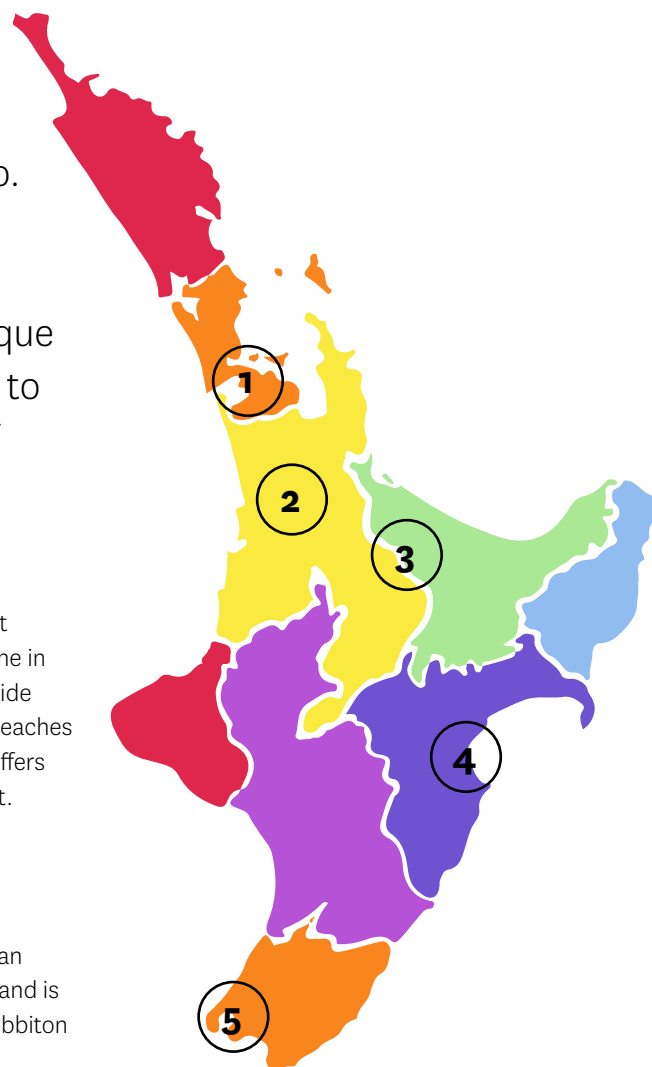
New Zealand is full of things to do. The hardest thing for you, will be deciding what to do first. Every region will provide you with a unique experience. So stay a little longer to make sure you get to see more of 100% Pure New Zealand.

1. Auckland

Shop for designer clothes, scale New Zealand's tallest building (The Sky Tower) and savour fine food and wine in Auckland, New Zealand's largest city. Situated alongside three sparkling harbours and flanked by black sand beaches and native forest to the west, this multicultural hub offers the perfect mix of urban chic and outdoor excitement.

2. Hamilton

Meander through themed public gardens and along riverside trails in Hamilton. This heartland city offers an eclectic mix of metropolitan culture and rural charm and is famed for its proximity to must-do attractions like Hobbiton Movie Set and the Waitomo Caves.



3. Rotorua

Immerse yourself in Māori culture and exhilarating outdoor adventure in Rotorua. Built amidst a geothermal landscape of steaming geysers and bubbling mudpools, this tourist hotspot is home to many quintessential Kiwi experiences, from white water rafting and offroad 4WD to spine tingling Māori cultural performances.

4. Napier

Enjoy a guided wine tour through the celebrated vineyards of Hawke's Bay. The city of Napier is New Zealand's Art Deco centre and has fantastic history, a picturesque shoreline, and just the right climate for delicious orchard fruits.

5. Wellington

Dine on fine food, craft beers and world class coffee in the harbour side city of Wellington. Dubbed the "coolest little capital in the world" by Lonely Planet, Wellington also offers top opportunities for wildlife spotting and cultural discovery at the renowned Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa.

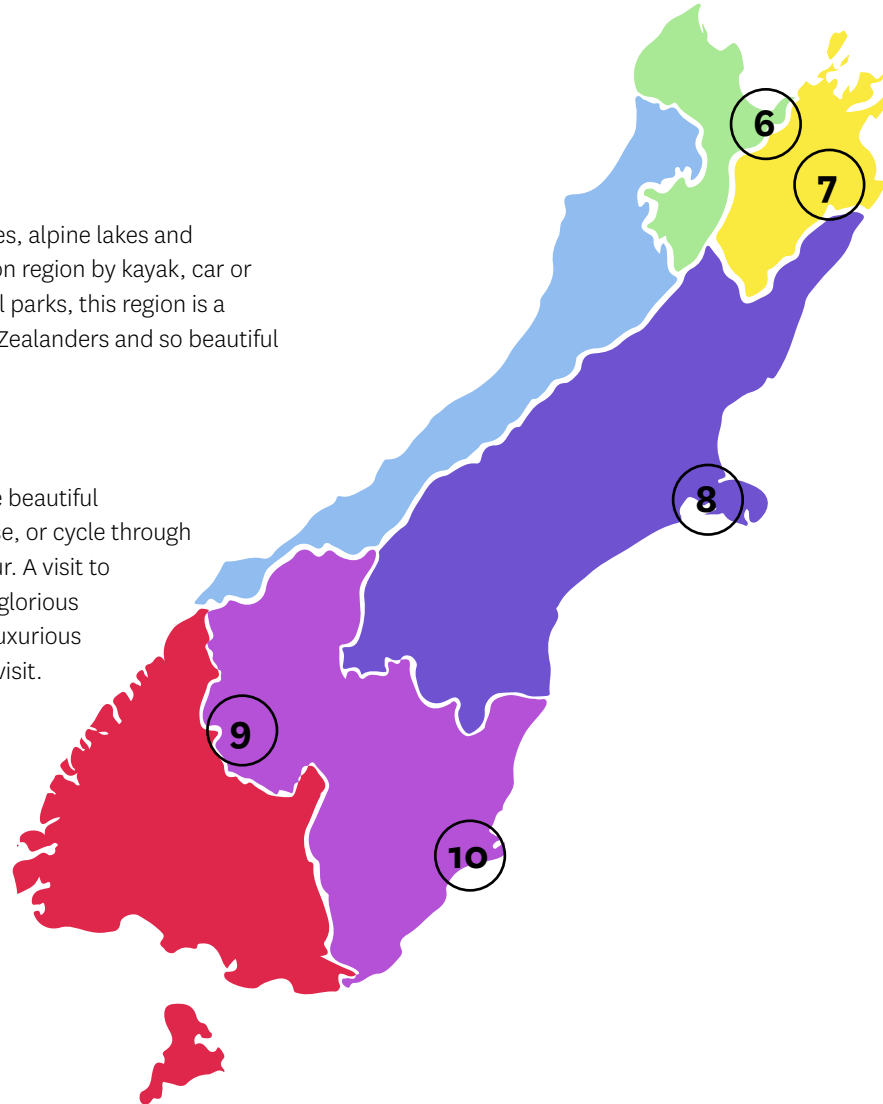
Te Waipounamu – South Island

6. Nelson

Explore the long golden beaches, alpine lakes and enchanting forests of the Nelson region by kayak, car or bicycle. Home to three national parks, this region is a favourite holiday spot for New Zealanders and so beautiful you'll never want to leave.

7. Marlborough Sounds

Discover the many coves of the beautiful Marlborough Sounds on a cruise, or cycle through vineyards on a wine-tasting tour. A visit to Marlborough is incomparable, glorious sunshine, delicious food, and luxurious resorts make this area a joy to visit.



8. Christchurch

Picturesque Christchurch offers experiences for all tastes, from golf and hot air ballooning to punting on the Avon River and relaxing in its stunning Botanic Gardens. Reconstruction following a major earthquake in 2011 has seen Christchurch emerge as a city reimagined. This newfound energy earned Christchurch a spot in Lonely Planet's 2013 Best in Travel Guide as one of the top 10 cities to visit globally.

9. Queenstown

Find inspiration amongst the unforgettable landscape of Queenstown. This four-season resort is known as the adventure capital of the world. It also offers plenty of opportunity for lakeside dining, boutique shopping and tours of the region's rich gold mining history.

10. Dunedin

Broaden your mind in Dunedin, home to grand old buildings and New Zealand's oldest university. See penguins, sea lions and albatross on the nearby Otago Peninsula and experience one of the great scenic train journeys on the Taieri Gorge Railway.

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