**Te Ihu Waka**

**Information for participants**

**WHAT IS TE IHU WAKA?**

Te Ihu Waka (the bow of the canoe) is a framework developed in partnership with tikanga providers and aimed at hunga mauhere (offenders) in prison and the community.

Te Ihu Waka is designed for Māori offenders and those who identify as Māori. However, many non-Māori (eg. those with Māori partners or children) benefit from attending.

**WHAT DOES THE PROGRAMME COVER?**

The Wānanga (programme) aims to inspire change in your heart and mind by helping you to discover and recover tikanga – the traditional Māori principles, values and disciplines that you can apply in your day-to-day life.

Using the teachings and wisdom of our tīpuna (ancestors) you will learn about the four kaupapa (principles) that underpin Te Ao Māori (the Māori world):

* Wairuatanga – spirituality
* Whanaungatanga – relationships
* Rangatiratanga – leadership and responsibilty
* Manaakitanga – caring for ourselves and others

You will learn what it means to live in a truly Māori way, to help you break free from the cycle of offending.

**THE WAKA AS A LEARNING JOURNEY**

The Wānanga uses the waka the model for the learning journey.

**The TAUIHU** is the front of the waka and this is where a pre-assessment will be undertaken to map where the hunga mauhere are in their learning journey against each kaupapa.

**The RAUAWA** is the middle of the waka where hunga mauhere are taught the four kaupapa of the programme.

**The TAURAPA** is the back of the waka where hunga mauhere will reflect on their learning. They will assess how their learning journey has been progressing and identify where improvements can be made before developing plans which will ensure continued positive progress.

***“KUA TAKOTO TE MĀNUKA”***

**- THE CHALLENGE HAS BEEN LAID**