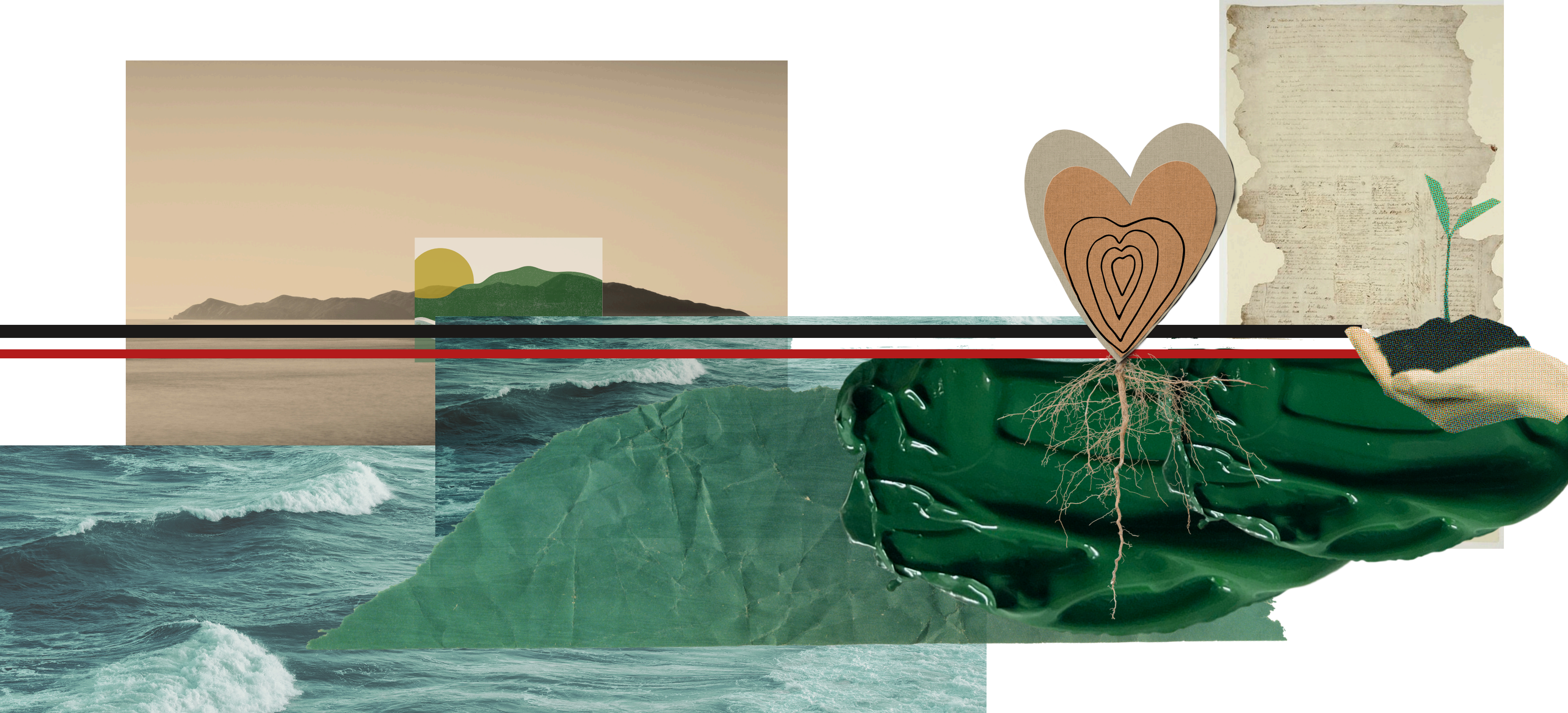




Te Tiriti and local body elections



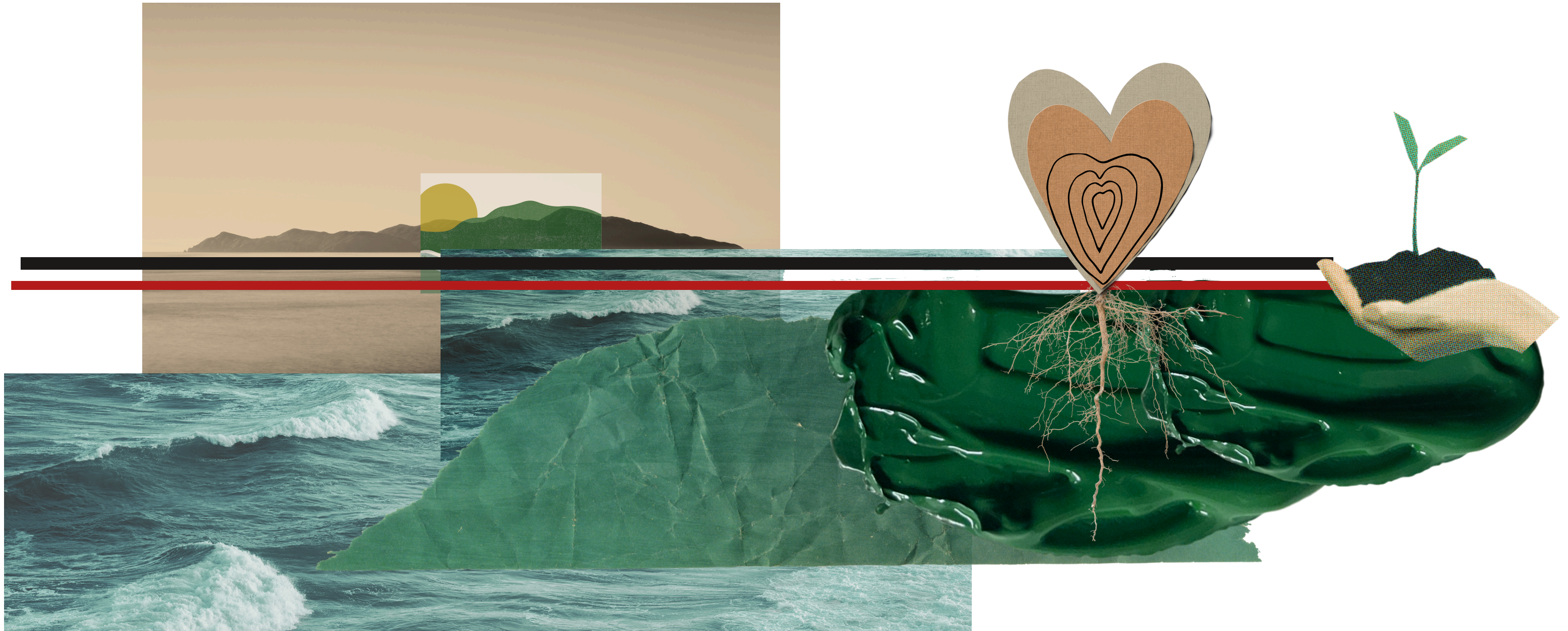
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Whakataka te hau ki te uru
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga
Kia mākinakina ki uta
Kia mātaratara ki tai
E hī ake ana te atakura
He tio, he huka, he hau hū
Tīhei mauri ora!

*Cease the winds from the west
Cease the winds from the south
Let the breeze blow over the land
Let the breeze blow over the ocean
Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air.
A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day.*



Acknowledgement of place +mana whenua





Embracing Te Tiriti

- Informal group of Raumati residents connected by a sense of gratitude
- Formed in 2024 with submissions made to local Council supporting the Māori ward
- Meet regularly to plan and organise
- Enjoy home baking and tea

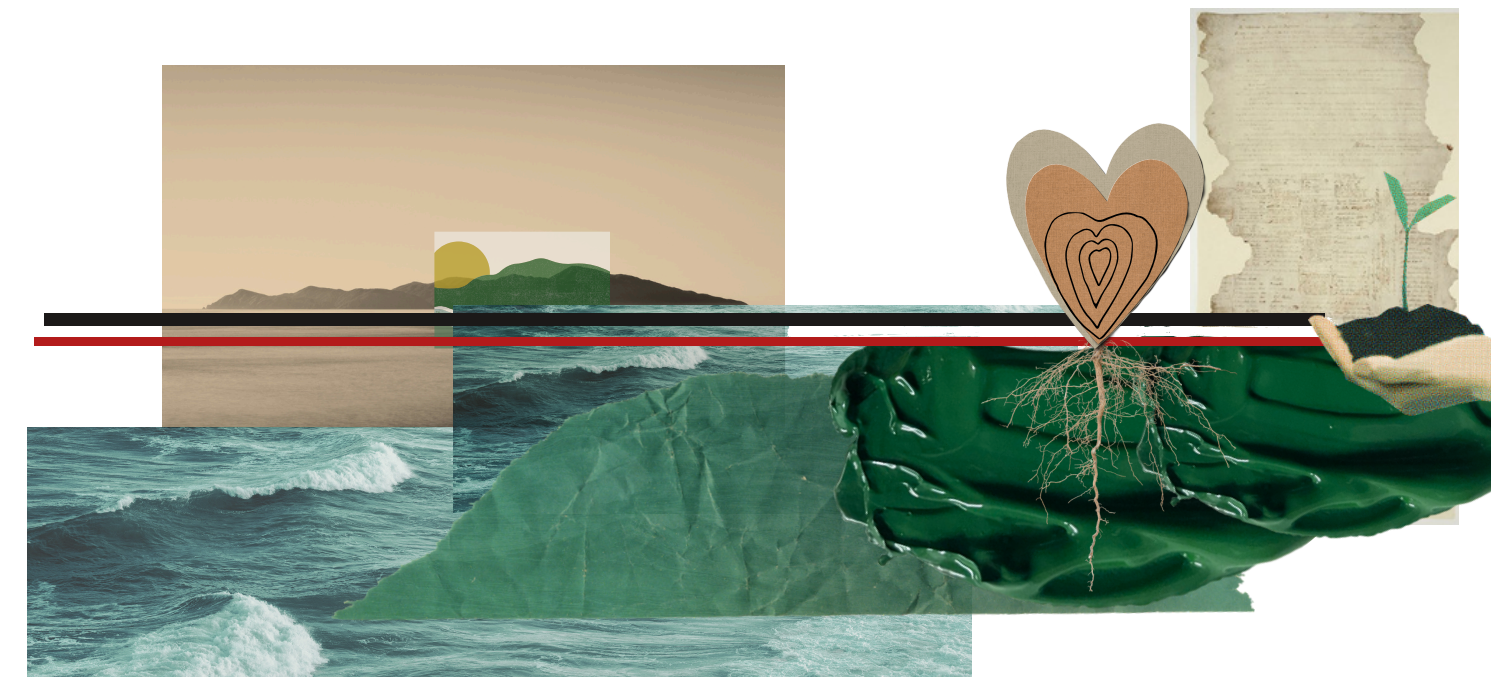


“...if Pākehā put their energies into educating their own and critiquing the systems and attitudes that need to change, that in a sense makes rather than takes space for Māori, allowing [Māori] to focus on the vital work of restoring te ao Māori.”

From Becoming Tangata Tiriti by Avrill Bell

Workshop Goals

- Connect and share ideas in community with each other
- Learn skills for constructive conversations with friends and family about the approaching referendum on Māori representation on Council
- Make plans to engage our neighborhood in support of Māori representation



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A close-up photograph of a spider web, showing the intricate spiral pattern of the web against a dark, textured background. The web is made of fine, light-colored threads that form a series of concentric spirals radiating from a central point. The lighting highlights the texture of the silk and the geometric patterns created by the web's structure.

What brought you here today?

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When Te Tiriti o Waitangi is read in the context of its time, and in the text that most Māori rangatira signed, it is clear that Te Tiriti o Waitangi is an agreement between equals.

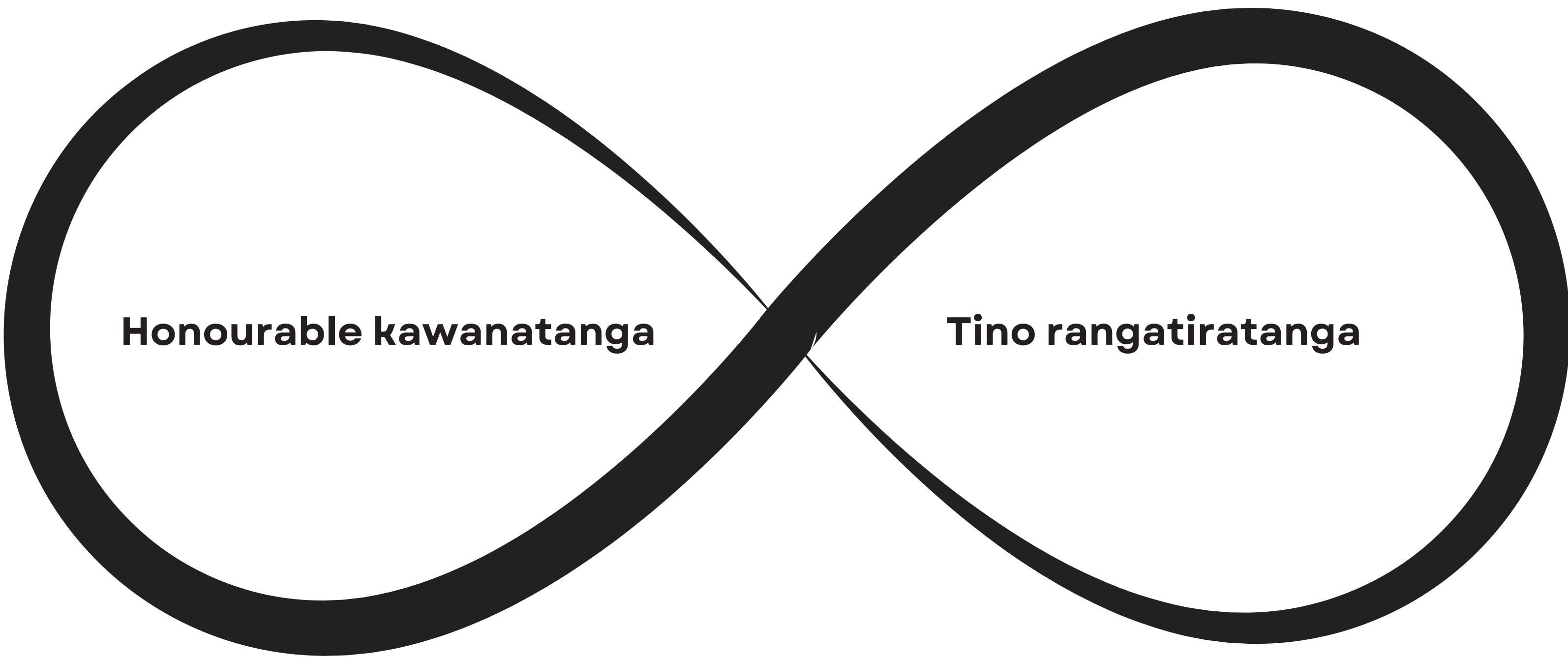
We feel it is our responsibility to be educated and vocal about Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and what it means for us now.

It is a hopeful starting point for belonging for everyone in Aotearoa NZ.



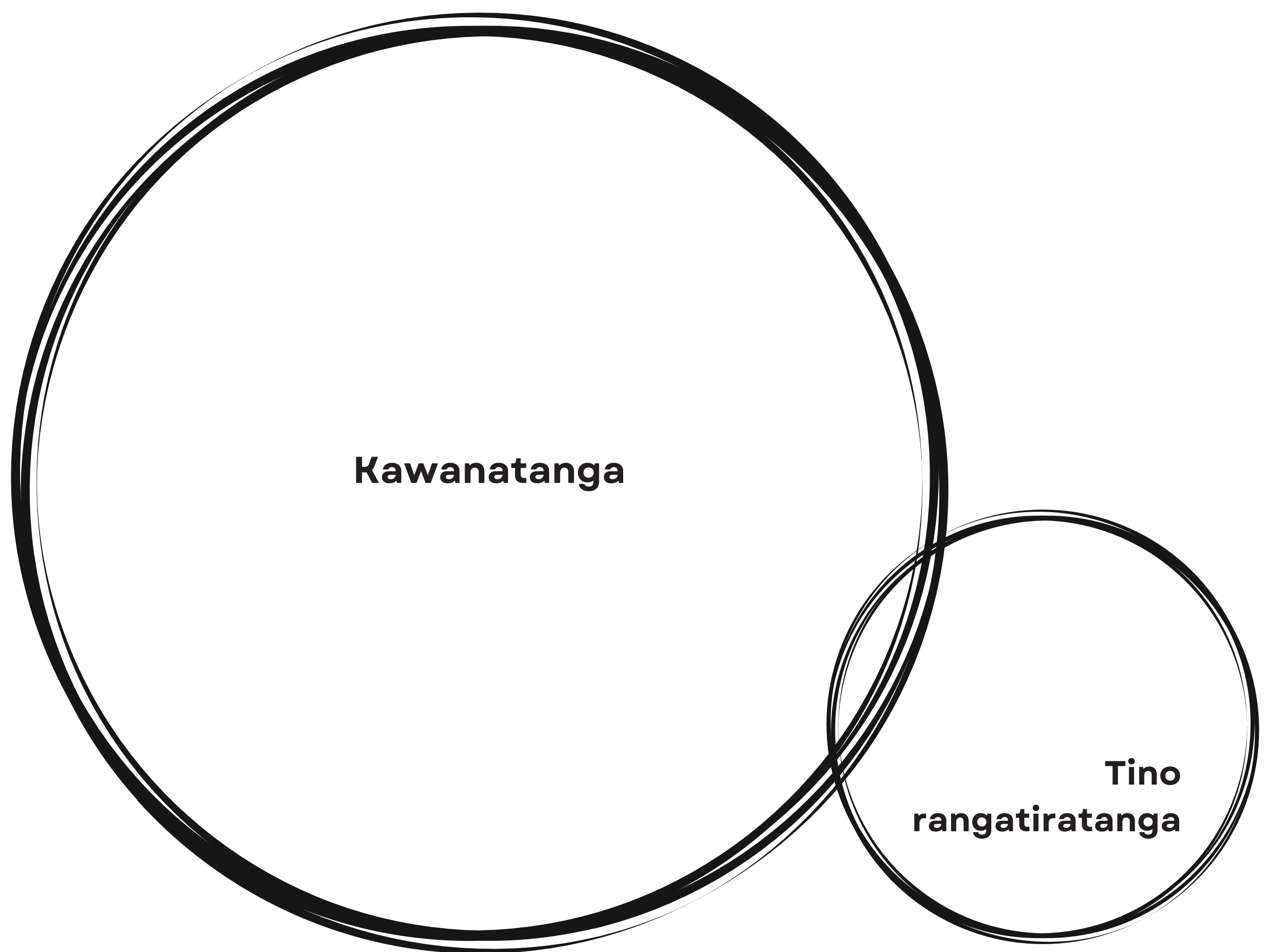
“In February 1840 the rangatira who signed te Tiriti...did not cede their sovereignty. Rather, they agreed to a relationship in which they and the Governor were to be equal while having different roles and different spheres of influence.”

- Waitangi Tribunal, 2014.



Honourable kawanatanga

Tino rangatiratanga



Kawanatanga

**Tino
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Government made it possible for Māori wards to be established by councils in 2021, without needing a poll.

Kāpiti Coast District Council voted in 2023 to establish a Māori ward.

Then the new Government in 2023 enforced referendums.

Council then began a representation review to determine how the Māori ward would be incorporated into the Council structure for the 2025 local government elections.

What is at stake this election?

If a referendum on a Māori ward fails,
the council will be required to
disestablish the ward. This results in no
Māori Ward election for the following
two elections (2028 and 2031).

Benefits of Māori wards

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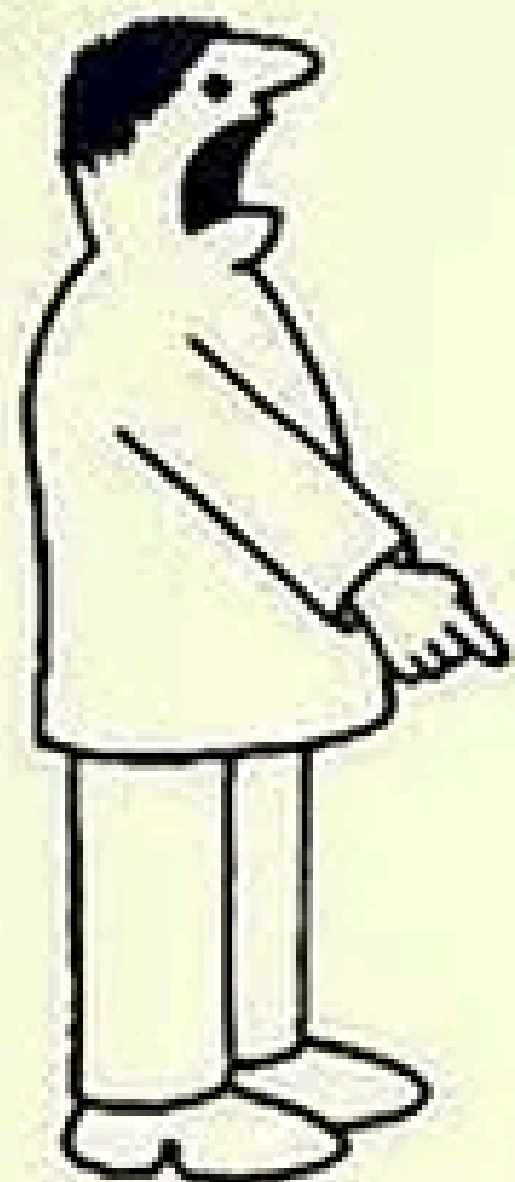
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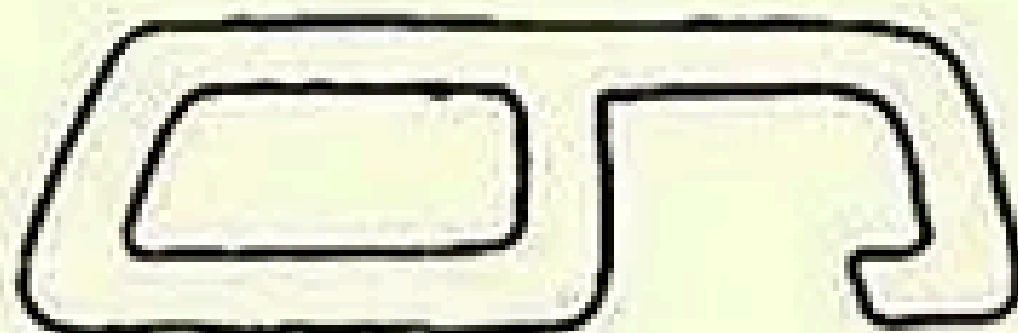
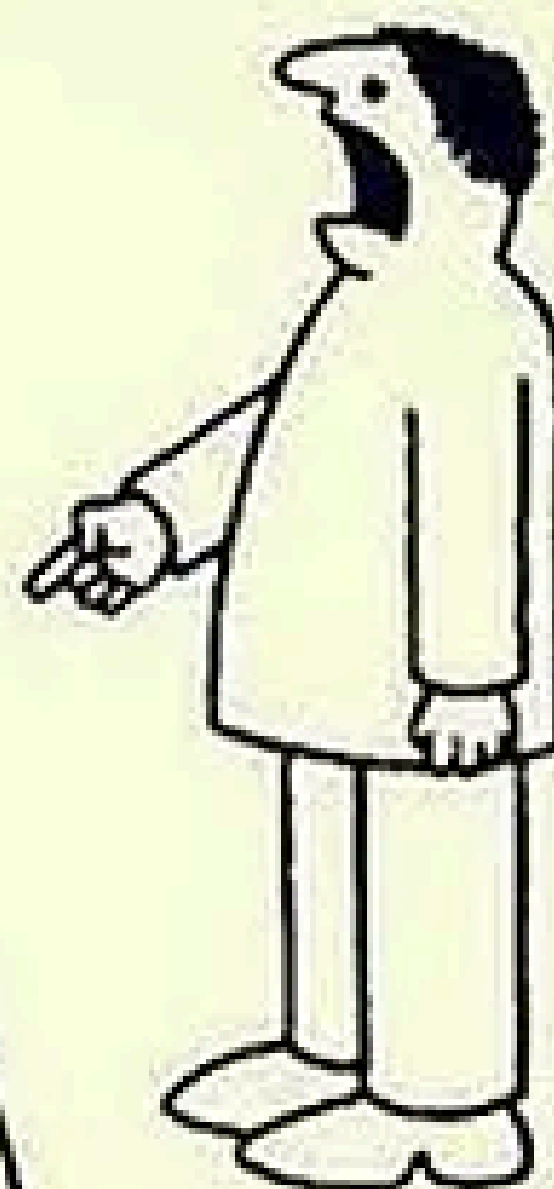
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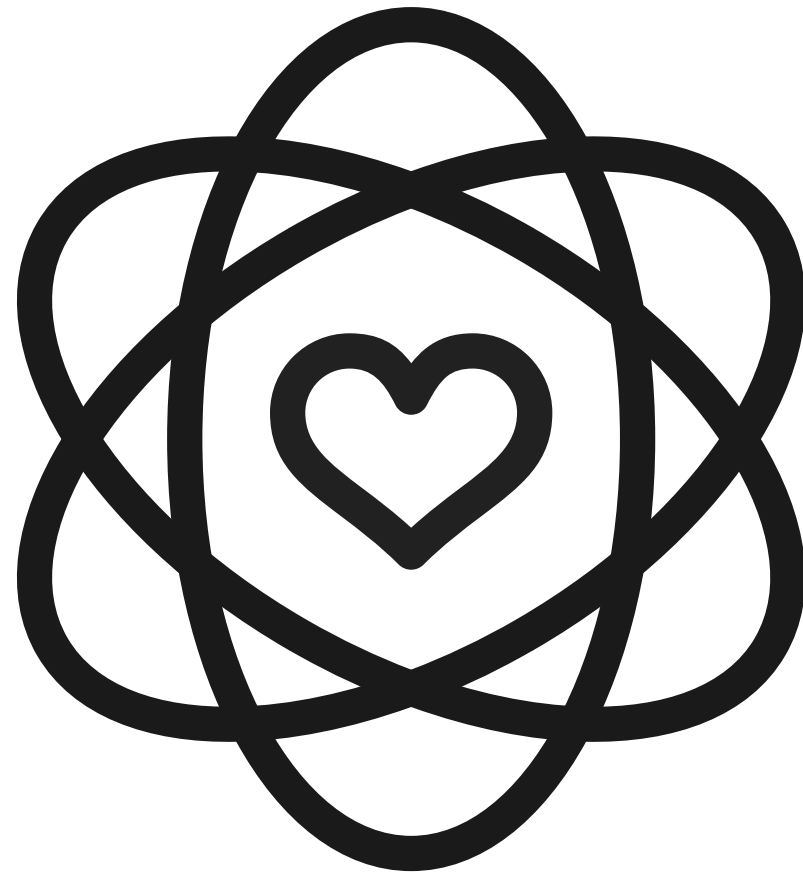
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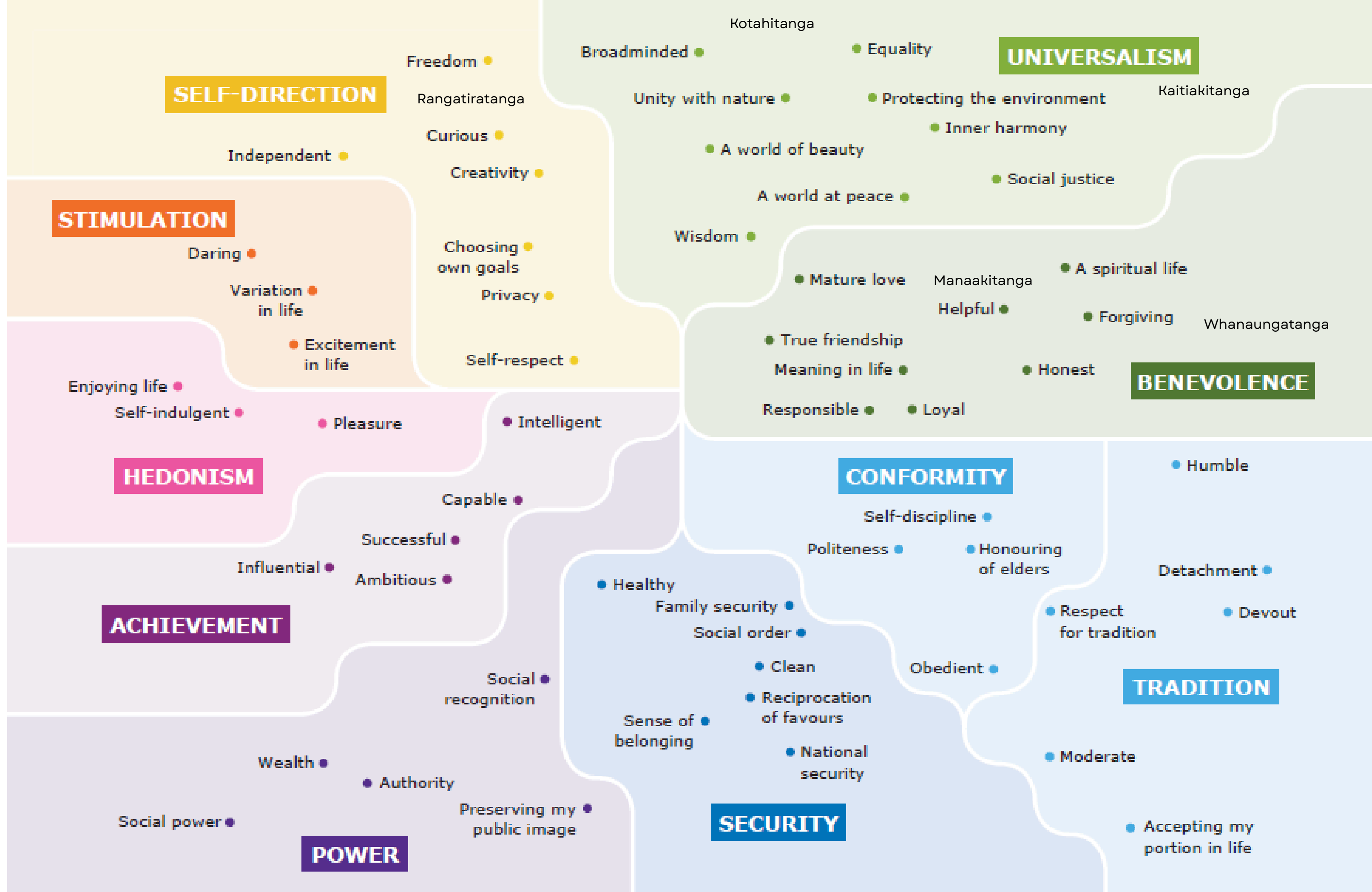


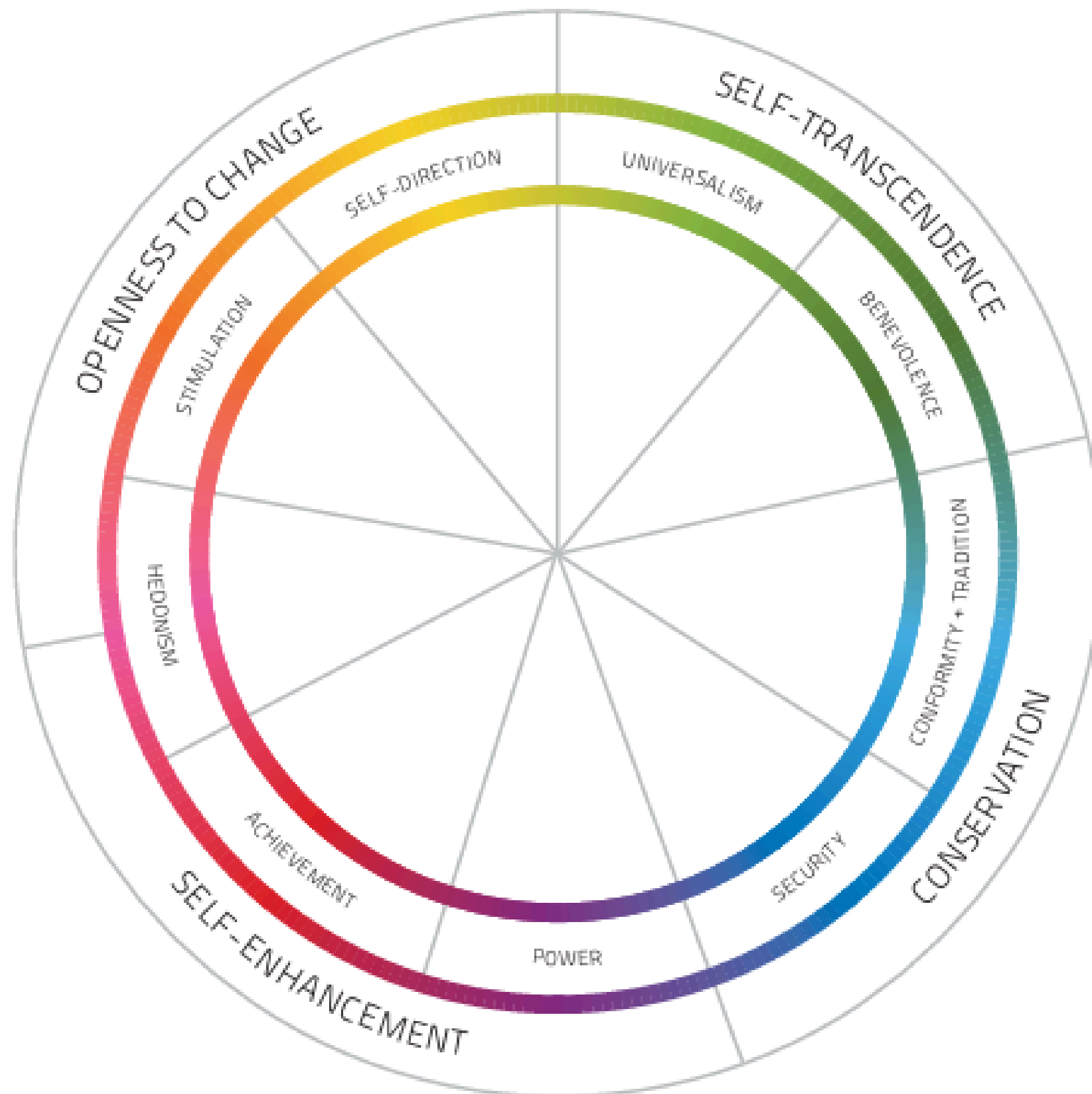
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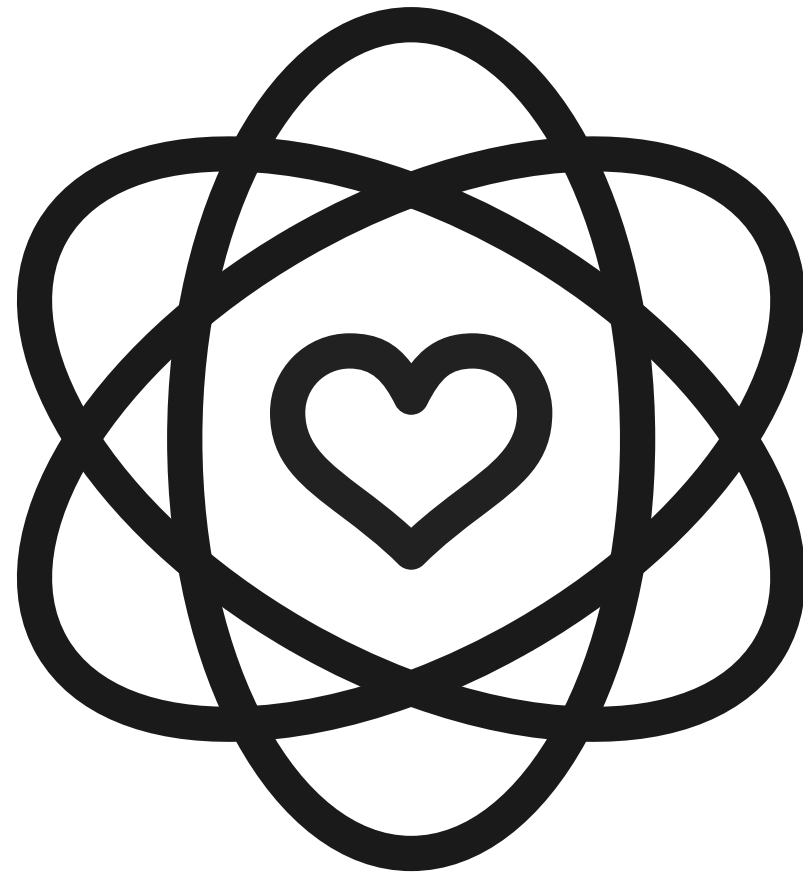




**We're all motivated
by different values**





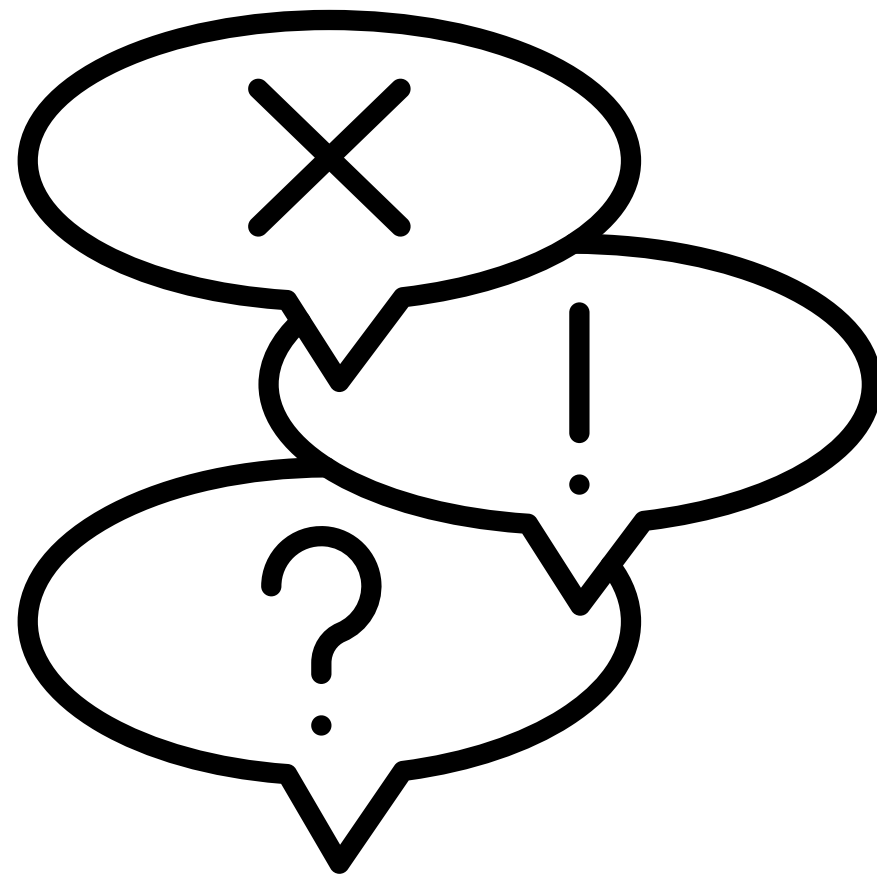


What might it mean to listen with an awareness of the values behind someone's words?



**Debating is very different
to dialogue.**

	DEBATE	DIALOGUE
PURPOSE	To win or convince	To understand + connect
ATTITUDE	Opponents	Partners
LISTENING	Listening to refute	Listening to understand
FOCUS	Defending a position	Exploring complexity
RESPONSES	Counter argument	Curiosity + clarification
EMOTIONS	Tension + competition	Openness + reflection
OUTCOMES	Victory or defeat	Insight + shared meaning



How might understanding others' values change the way you engage in dialogue?

A framework to guide you into dialogue

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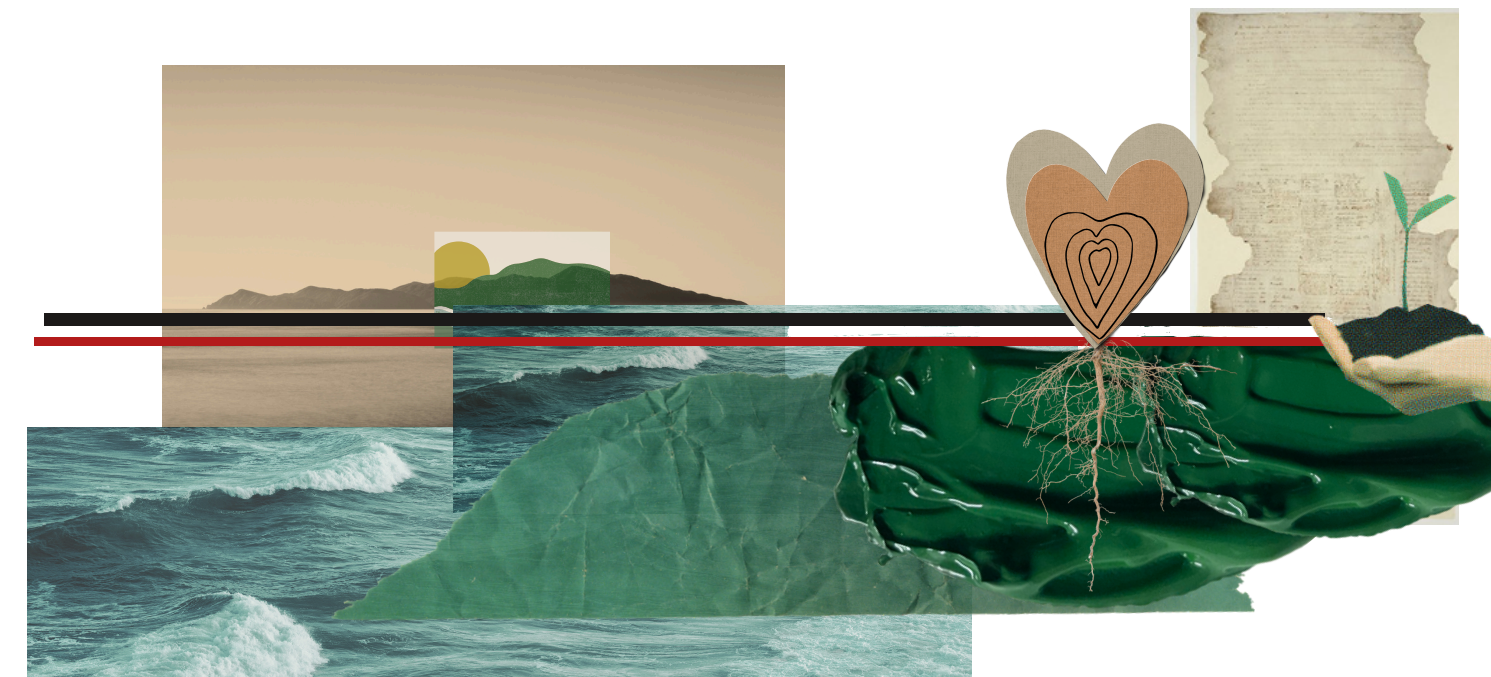
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Recognise

- recognise what is happening
- slow down and connect with RAIN
- recognise your agency

is this the right setting to continue into dialogue?

- recognise the agency of the other person too
- recognise that patterns of thought are from the collective

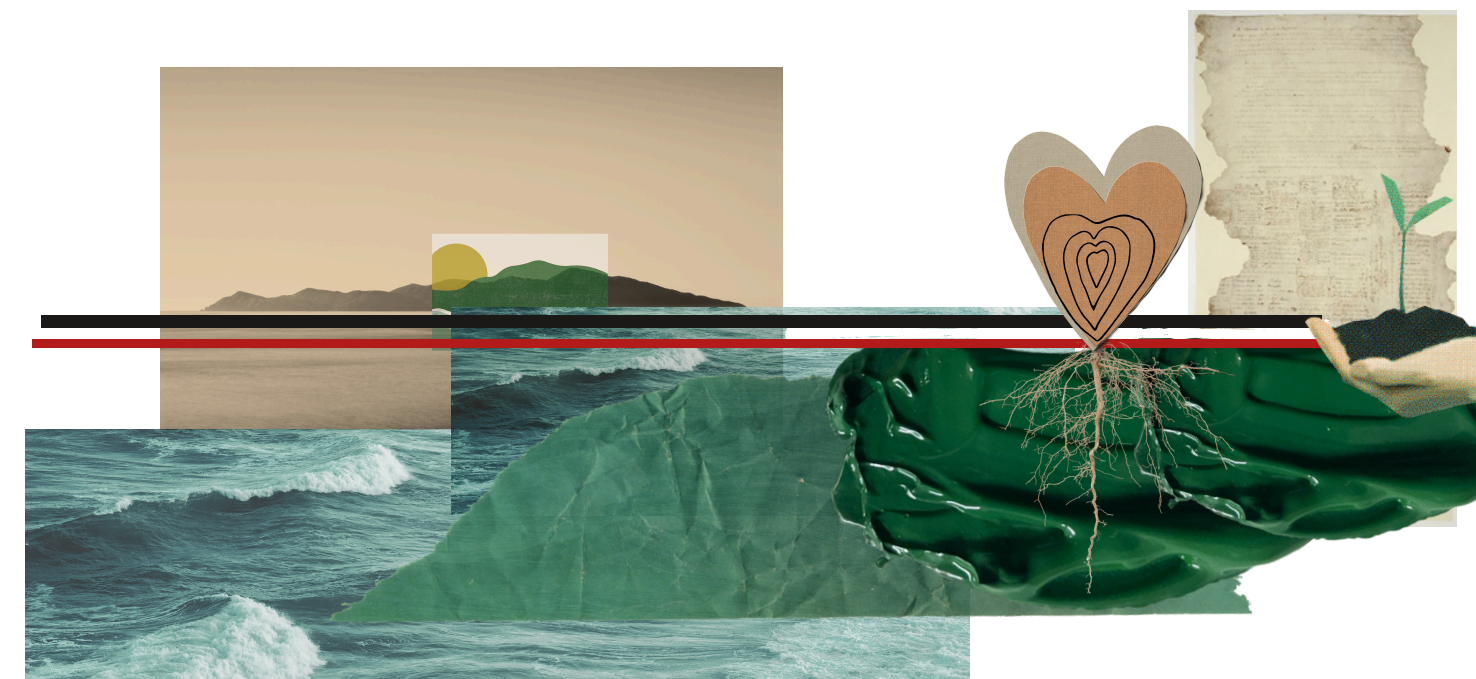




**We see this issue very differently to
each other. I would love to
understand your position better
- can we talk some more about this?**

Allow

- allow complexity - we don't need to “win”
- allow their experience - listen, listen, listen
- affirm their experience - one way to do that is to reflect back what you are hearing, this often encourages the speaker to say more
- try not to be ready with a counterpoint

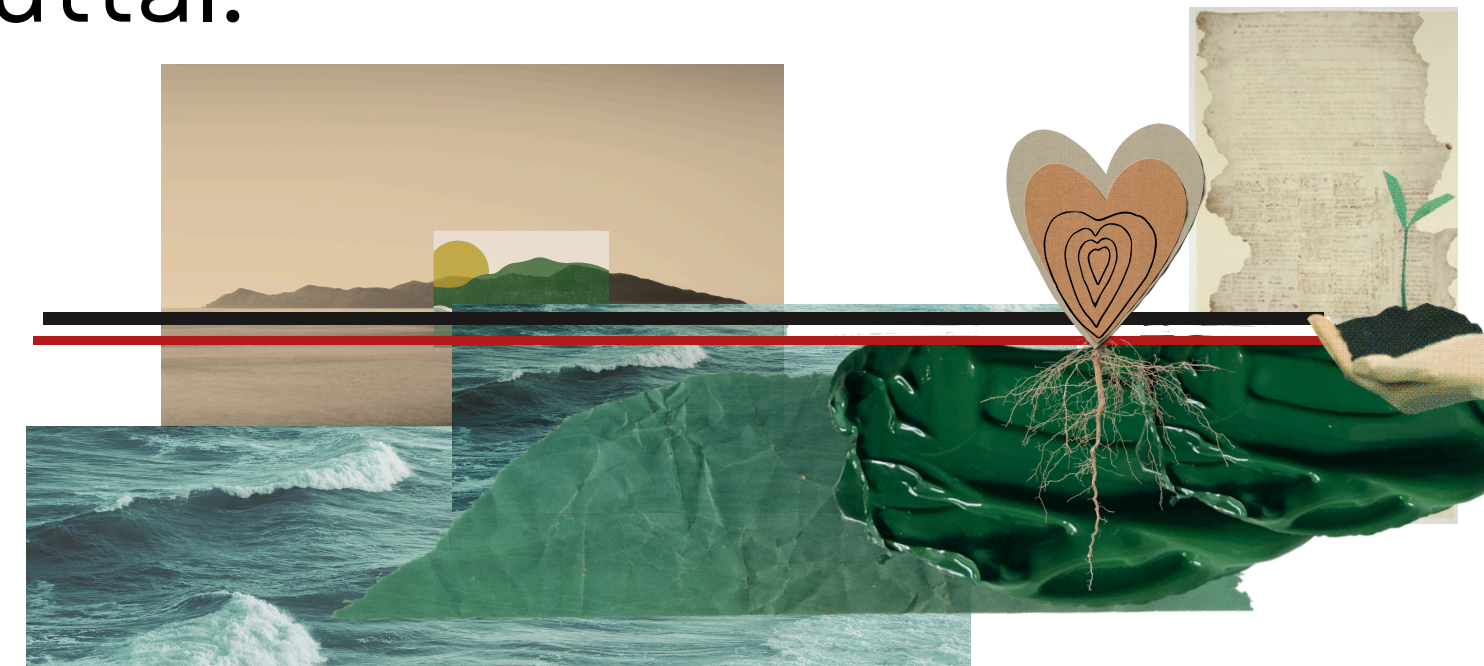


Its so good to listen to you.
Can I reflect back what you are saying to
make sure I understand you?
I am hearing that you feel as though
Māori keep getting different treatment
and that feels unfair.

What is your experience of that?

Investigate

- after listening, listening, listening, THEN we can investigate with gentle curiosity
- try to emphasise common ground
- reflect gently on the way you see the same value, differently. Use I statements, rather than you statements.
- if there is factually untrue information from the other person, you might be able to provide other ways of looking at the same issue but try not to use this as rebuttal.
- Seek consent again before offering more information



I can hear that we share the same value of fairness. Fairness is really important to me too

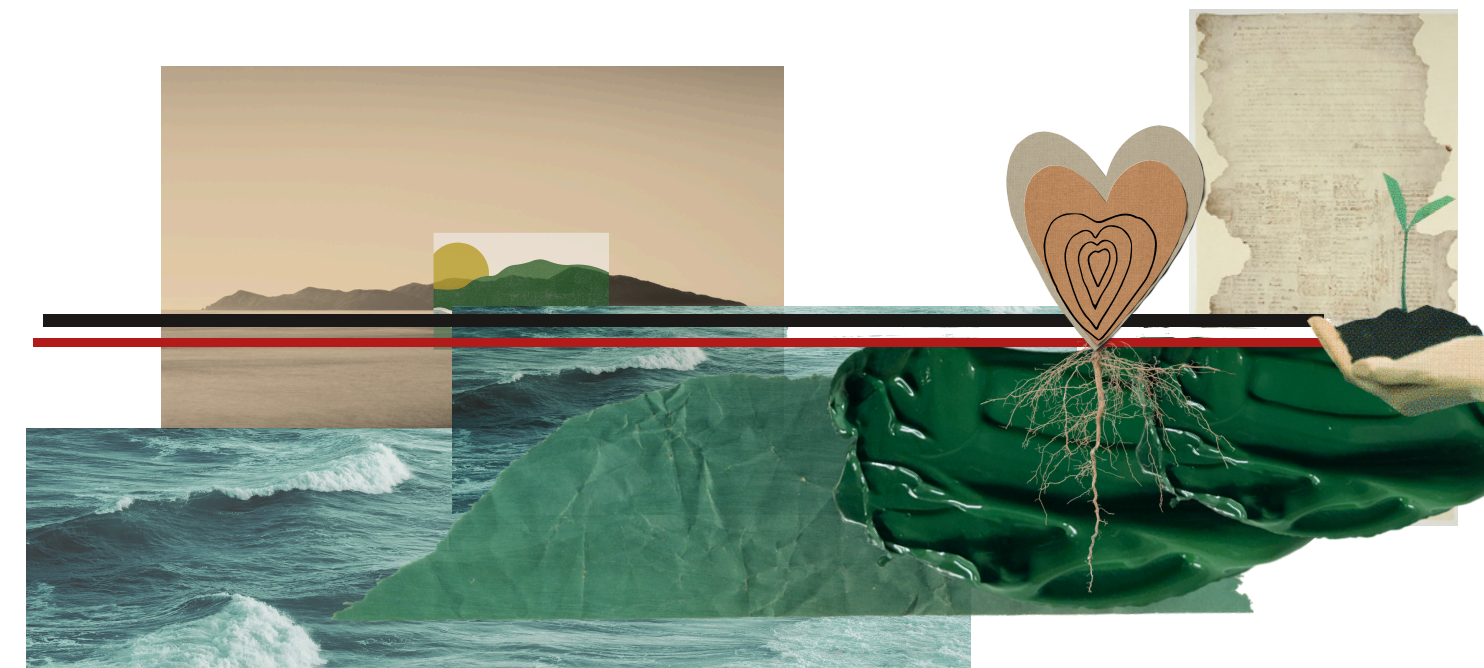
I notice I am feeling tightness in my chest in response to some of the words used because I see this value playing out in society very differently.


Could I share some information with you that I enjoyed reading? Given our shared values, I think you might enjoy it as well.

I would love to know what you think.

Nurture

- acknowledge their experience
- notice yours is different
- find the common ground and call it in
- imagine positive outcomes
- you don't need to 'win' in fact, if you think you have, you have probably entrenched the opposing position further.





I think you are a brilliant Uncle , and I appreciate you a great deal, It is soooooo good to be able to speak together even though we have such differing positions on this. We've done good!

I can see a little more how you have come to feel the way you do.

Lets talk about this again sometime!

Ways of being

Aroha ki te tangata

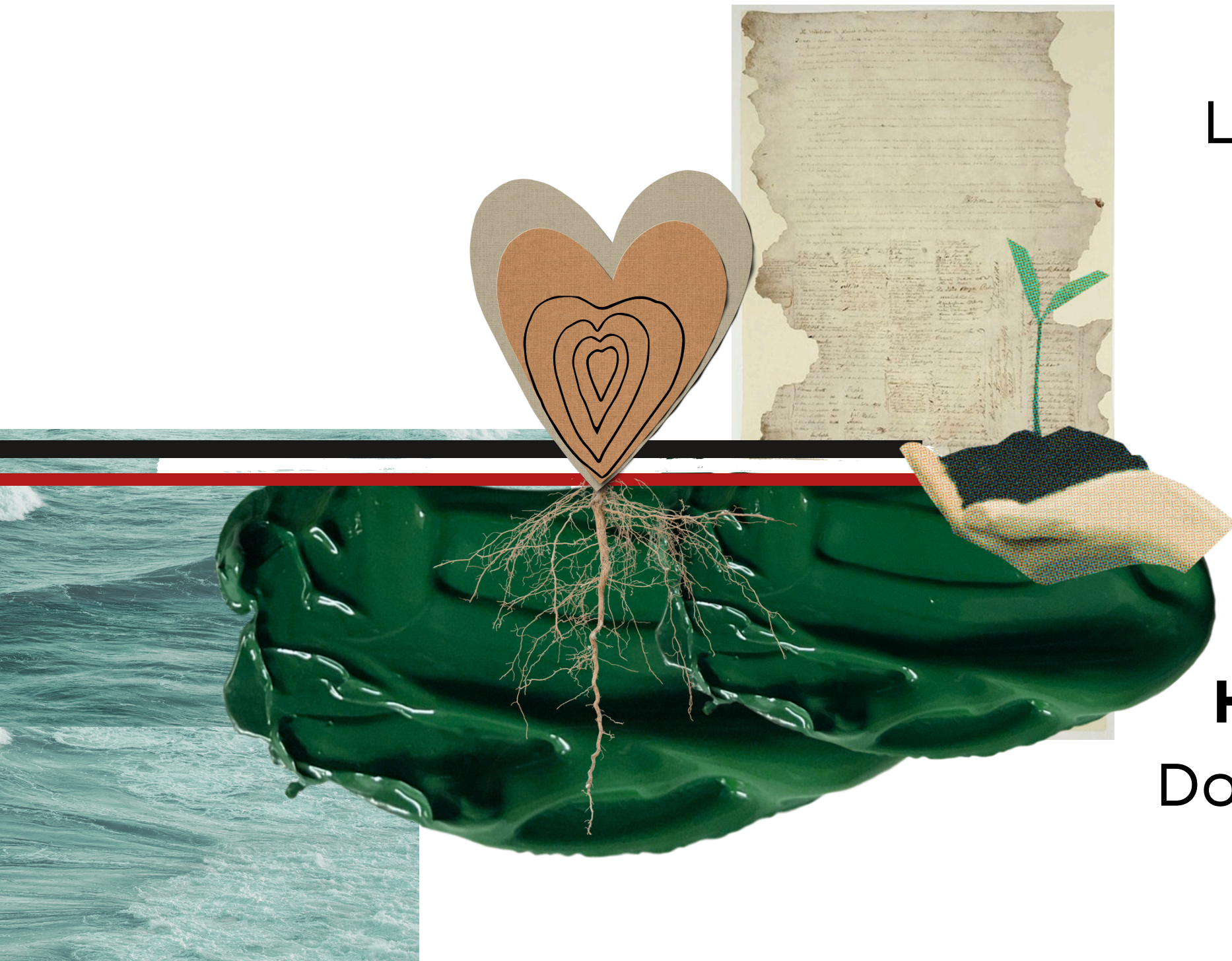
Let love for each other be our guiding
force

Titiro, whakarongo...kōrero

Look, listen and then speak.

Kaua e takahia te mana o te tangata

Do not trample on the mana of people.



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**“Why should I care about
voting at a local level?”**

**“One person, one vote,
anything else is a perversion.”**

**“Māori are already represented
in our politics.”**

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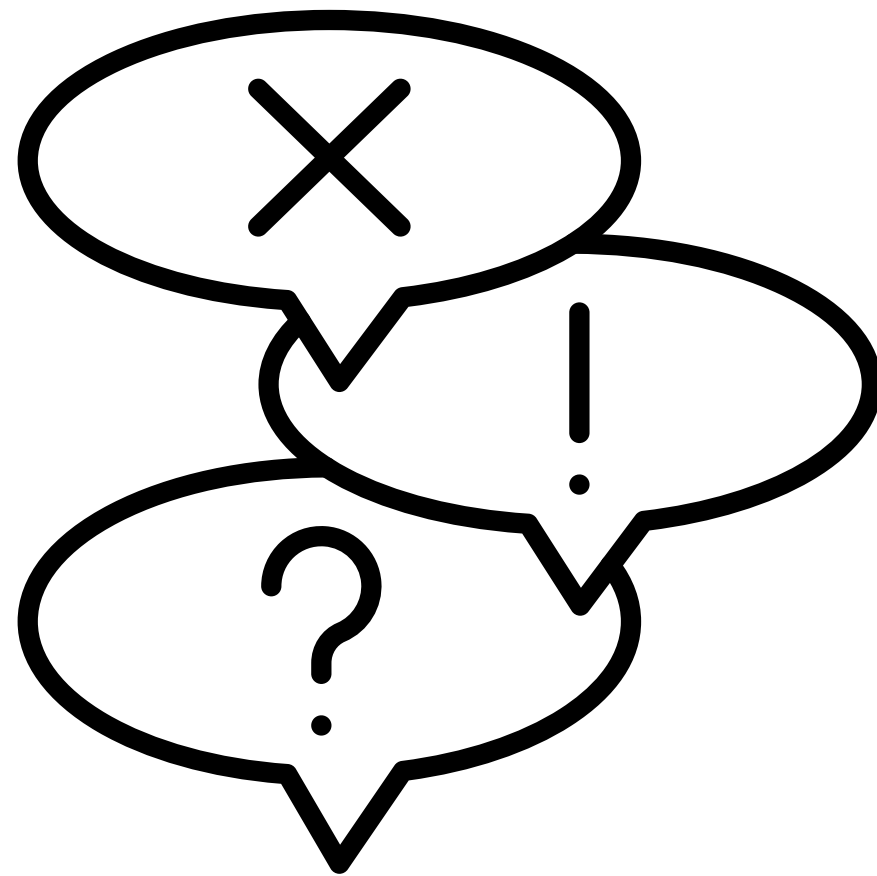


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What happens in your body in a debate versus when you are being deeply listened to?

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Key dates



1 Aug: Candidate applications close

Deadline to get on Māori or general roll (or will go to a special vote)

2 Aug: Billboards can go up

6 Aug: Candidates publicly announced

9–22 Sept:
Voting papers delivered

7 Oct: Deadline for postal votes

11 Oct: Voting ends midday.
Progress results begin

16–22 Oct:
Declaration of results

Swearing in ceremonies begin

2022 voting pattern

Ōtaki	2,605
Paekākāriki-Raumati	3,017
Paraparaumu	7,692
Waikanae	6,404
TOTAL	19,718



WHAT

NEXT?

TE AROHA

Te aroha

Te whakapono

Me te rangimarie

Tatou tatou e

Waiata composed by Professor Morvin Te Anatipa Simon in 1983

It is love

It is faith

It is peace

That will bind us all together



KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Kia whakairia te tapu
Kia wātea ai te ara
Kia turuki whakataha ai
Kia turuki whakataha ai
Haumi e. Hui e. Tāiki e!

*Restrictions are moved aside
So the pathways is clear
To return to everyday activities*

