

Community Building Block

Putting Unity back into CommUnity Events

Top tips that emerged from the collective kōrero with Ole Maiava that support us to unleash the power of community events:

- Have a vision of what you want to create - this is more than just an event it is about community building
- Take the time to plan well - this gives space for participation and building relationships
- Start with your event date and build backwards from there
- Look for pathways that allow leadership to emerge in others
- Scaffold these pathways, and support people to have experiences of success
- Identify barriers to participation and remove these
- Pay your artists! Build real budgets and find ways to really value your artists and performers
- Build real budgets based on actual costs and quotes
- Ole's 4 Ps: People, Plan, Procurement, Payments
- Build capability every step of the way, open up new learning opportunities for community members
- Identify your legacy and exit strategies - always look for how this event can be handed over to the community
- Make health and safety real - it's all about mitigation. How do we care for the people?
- Demystify insurance and health and safety and make these accessible concepts
- Be an enabler in your role - always look for ways that allow community some agency