

Keynote address: He kākano ahau – seeding peaceful futures

For Māori, the legacy of colonialism has been one of disconnection, impoverishment, and struggle. A return to and revitalisation of Māori ways of being and doing has emerged as a key means to overcome not only the losses and harms of some 250 years of colonisation, but to build a society in which all can thrive. In this keynote address Annabel will share insights generated from both her lived experience, and her research spanning adoption, abuse in care, public health, and rongoā Māori, to illustrate how we might realise the blossoming of tangata whenua and tangata Tiriti alike.

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