

JOB DESCRIPTION

Poirewa Aotearoa/Volleyball NZ Kaiārahi Māori Lead

Position Description	Kaiārahi Māori Lead
Positions of Reporting	CE (Chief Executive) National Partnership Manager
Term	2-year-fixed term contract – with the intent of ongoing employment
Hours	30 – 40 hours per week
Location	Tāmaki-Makaurau / Auckland or other agreed location in Aotearoa

Overview

The purpose of Volleyball in New Zealand is to connect and inspire people through the 'ihiihi' that the dynamic sport of Volleyball brings to every community. The Kaiārahi Māori Lead will play a critical part in helping Poirewa Aotearoa/Volleyball NZ (VNZ) to achieve that purpose. They will work in partnership with Regional Associations and Māori communities to amplify, develop and support quality volleyball opportunities for whānau, hapū and iwi organisations.

The primary focus of this position

Fundamental to this role is the ability to build mana enhancing relationships with mana whenua (local) Māori entities invested in volleyball within prioritised Regional Associations, other ethnic organisations and people invested in volleyball. These relationships will provide opportunities for intergenerational, whanau and community engagement which enhances wellbeing and provides for quality delivery of volleyball experiences. Co-developing an approach to replicate in other communities across the country in partnership with Regional Associations and other invested organisations will be key.

This role will co-lead VNZ's Mobile Workforce Project with the Vā Pasifika Lead, collectively these positions are responsible to engage, understand, and promote their work, to develop and innovate collaboratively, to develop and share insights, apply best practice, to be accountable for key outcomes' progress and to evaluate all work and complete to the highest standard. Collectively this position will help lead, co-

ordinate, enable and empower communities through volleyball. The Kaiārahi Maori Lead will be responsible for leading VNZ's Maori Leadership Group and supporting VNZ staff and management with developing their understanding of tikana practices and te reo within our volleyball context.

What this looks like

- Build relationships with identified Regional Associations, their communities and RSTs to gather insights and identify the specific needs of Māori within their communities;
- Support the delivery of projects targeted towards meeting the aspirations of Māori;
- Build local capability aligned with Regional Associations and other organisations to increase the capability of key ignitors/activators to increase quality of volleyball experiences for Māori;
- Engage and develop relationships with government and non-government organisations, iwi, marae, and other sport and recreation providers such as YMCA, and aligned codes.
- Support the building of co-created community partnerships and co-design opportunities/events/programmes/trainings/capability development sessions/workshops to meet those identified local and regional needs
- Build a sustainability plan to ensure sustainable long-term volleyball experiences.
- Lead tikanga Māori and te reo Māori within Poirewa Aotearoa / Volleyball New Zealand. Assist Poirewa Aotearoa / Volleyball New Zealand to demonstrate authentic commitment through transformational actions, practices and leadership.

Key tasks

Relationship Management

- Identify, develop, and maintain relationships which will assist the achievement of local stakeholders 'goals and plans.
- Develop and support the growth and capability of Regional Volleyball Activators in partnership with the Regional Association.
- Building local capability by overseeing the implementation of regional volleyball activators through VNZ's mobile workforce plan.
- Build partnerships with funders, sponsors, and alternative partners to enhance financial support and cooperation to achieve long term outcomes and growth in the project across the country.
- Establish working relationships and synergies with RST's, other sports, local authorities, recreation organisations, health organisations and local venues to enhance volleyball delivery for Māori. Engage and support VNZ National Māori Leadership Group.

Promotion, delivery, and growth of Volleyball

- Work with Regional Associations and local stakeholders to understand the current climate of Volleyball within their community, promote volleyball events, leagues, and programmes
- Co-design new volleyball experience with local stakeholders and participants, using participatory and consultative methods.
- Support local organisations and communities to access support from the existing volleyball system (referee and coach development, event delivery, athlete development etc.)
- Work with Regional Associations and local stakeholders to develop, deliver and promote volleyball experiences targeted to women and girls, and targeted population groups (Māori, Pacific and Asian)

Insights

- Consolidate the information gathered on volleyball participation in local communities, adding information as further interactions with stakeholders are held.
- Create systems where insights and feedback from the voice of the participant are gathered, analysed, and used to further enhance programmes and volleyball delivery.
- Plan and implement an asset-based volleyball development approach in local communities, mapping and developing local community assets so that they support people who want to engage in volleyball, enabling their use to be maximised.

Key Relationships

- Volleyball New Zealand
- Regional Associations
- Clubs
- Schools (Primary, Intermediate and Secondary)
- College Sport/Secondary School Sport organisations
- Regional Sports Trusts
- Local Authorities
- Aotearoa Māori Pōirewa
- External volleyball providers
- Whānau, marae, hapū and iwi based organisations
- Other NSO's
- Recreation organisations, both national and regional
- Church networks

Personal, professional skills and experience

- Competency in te reo and tikanga Māori (preferred).
- Capacity to understand tikanga and kawa of various iwi and hapū (essential).
- Experience in working with Māori communities (essential)
- Experience in Community Development
- Highly developed organisational skills with excellent communication and interpersonal skills (oral, written, and technological)
- Experience in managing and leading others to achieve a common goal
- Have strong and effective leadership skills and is a motivator of others
- Tertiary qualification in Sport, Recreation, Health, Coaching, Community or related
- Current first aid certificate

The successful applicant will:

- Have a strategic thinking perspective
- Have the ability to be part of a cohesive team.
- Manage unpredictable demands in a professional and courteous manner.
- Be able to work flexible hours
- See challenges as opportunities to improve and overcome
- Be highly motivated to add value to the New Zealand Volleyball system
- Strong relationship building skills bringing the existing volleyball community together alongside many new and different external stakeholders
- Highly developed influencing and negotiating skills to convince others to work together or implement courses of action they might not otherwise take
- Significant co-design and facilitation skills, being able to work with others to create win-win ideas and programmes
- Ability to work flexible hours (including evenings and some weekends)
- Time management skills
- Adaptable and responsive to changing/evolving project
- Experience/Understanding of Project Management principles
- Full drivers' licence and vehicle

For further information please contact np@volleyballnz.org.nz

To apply, please send your CV and a cover letter detailing your relevant experience through this [SEEK AD](#) by Friday 20th January 2023.