



# Digital Equity Coalition Aotearoa

## **Kaupapa of the Digital Equity Coalition Aotearoa (DECA)**

DECA's kaupapa is the result of a long and interactive consultation process with the digital equity community. It is a living agreement and the lens through which we run our governance, actions and mahi.

### **Our vision is**

Everyone in Aotearoa is able to make the most of an increasingly digital world.

### **Our purpose is**

To connect and support the digital equity community in Aotearoa, so that we have more impact together.

### **Our function is**

To enable radical collaboration and systems change in digital equity in Aotearoa, **DECA offers:**

#### **Tools**

- Develop and provide helpful tools and models for the digital equity community.

#### **Collective voice**

- Amplify voices, advocate and inform government, philanthropy and the private sector.

#### **Coordination**

- Create and support spaces for the digital equity community to connect and collaborate.

- Offer a starting point for people who wish to connect with the digital equity community in Aotearoa.

**DECA will:**

- Seed, support and connect digital equity initiatives (but won't deliver initiatives)
- Be a connection point and strive to support diverse voices being heard (but won't stand in the way of initiatives having their own conversations).
- Connect funders to doers (but won't run a fund for digital equity initiatives).

## **Our Establishing Values are**

### **Whai mātauranga**

We respect our Māori heritage and the knowledge, wisdom and best practices that come with tikanga Māori. We acknowledge Te Tiriti o Waitangi and apply its ancestral intent to help us create spaces for all to be self determined.

### **Equity beyond digital**

We are led by the needs of the people and communities we serve. Digital equity should be available to people at the pace and place they want.

### **Whanaungatanga**

It is important to understand who we all are and how we relate to each other, acknowledge the work that has come before, and establish good relationships for the work ahead.

### **Bias for action**

We support approaches that create system change, and get going with the mahi even if it's not perfect.