Background

To make sure that we understand and showcase the real-world impact of CCREATE-AGE research and research activities, we are asking people to volunteer to take part in Whiria te Mātauranga: Knowledge for Positive Change Group.

In the spirit of kotahitanga, this group will work together to demonstrate significant improvements to older people’s lives and society produced by co-created research activities that involve older people, their supporters, family and whānau.

Whiria te Mātauranga: Knowledge for Positive Change Group will provide meaningful information to share with others about our progress towards impact and support the communication of CCREATE-AGE success.

Who will be on this group?

We welcome applications from older people, whānau, families, and people representing businesses, iwi, local government, or charities and organisations that provide support to older people. The group will also include researchers from the University of Auckland.
What we are asking from you

Monthly Meetings
As a group member you will be asked to contribute to one meeting per month (probably around 10 meetings per year).

The meetings will be a mix of face-to-face and videoconference (e.g. Skype or Zoom). Each meeting is expected to last around 2 hours.

Co-Create an impact plan for CCREATE-AGE
The group will co-create a plan for capturing and demonstrating positive change that can be attributed to CCREATE-AGE research.

Traditionally, research centres demonstrate success through indicators such as the number of research publications, and the amount of external research funding.

Whiria te Mātauranga: Knowledge for Positive Change Group will develop some goals that are especially important to older adults and communities. For example, you may decide it is important to note the breadth of people involved in interactive events, the reactions of audiences to exhibitions or performances inspired by the research, or develop community awards acknowledging people or groups who have used our research to make a positive change.
The group will also decide what evidence should be gathered to demonstrate whether we have met the planned goals. This could include monitoring the number of things we produce or do. It might also include collecting web clips, newspaper articles, photos, or artwork illustrating positive changes. This could be compiled in a ‘scrapbook’ which can be shared.

**Highlight the benefits of co-creation**

Whiria te Mātauranga: Knowledge for Positive Change Group will decide how to effectively highlight the changes, benefits and lessons learned from involving older people and others in our research activities.

**Support Research Development Groups**

CCREATE-AGE are funding a small number of Research Development Groups to co-create proposals intended to attract external funding for ageing research.

Whiria te Mātauranga: Knowledge Positive Change Group will help these groups develop plans to use their research to make positive changes. For example, coming up with realistic goals for impact, considering who may be interested in the research and how to involve or engage them.

These plans would be part of the proposals for external funding. If the studies are funded, the plans would be used to help track positive change.
What you can expect from us

We will schedule the monthly meetings and inform you about the time and venue of each meeting well in advance.

We will provide you with a reminder about the meeting a few days before the event.

The term of membership will be two years, but you are free to leave Whiria te Mātauranga: Knowledge for Positive Change Group earlier, and at any time you wish. At the end of your term, you are also welcome to reapply for a further two years.

Time to time, we may welcome new members to Whiria te Mātauranga: Knowledge for Positive Change Group.

We will be available to support you in case you face any challenges associated with being involved in Whiria te Mātauranga: Knowledge for Positive Change Group.

As a member of the Knowledge and Impact Group you will receive vouchers to assist with costs, up to $100 for a two-hour meeting.

We will be happy to have a conversation about your contribution to meetings, if you wish.
We welcome points that you may want to raise for discussion. We will ensure that you have the opportunity to participate fully in discussions.

After every meeting, we will provide notes about the meeting, so that you will have a record of the matters discussed and actions decided.

If you would like to take part in Whiria te Mātauranga: Knowledge for Positive Change Group, please fill in the application form.

If you have any further questions about Whiria te Mātauranga: Knowledge for Positive Change Group, please contact:

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