



Inspiring Young Leaders for a Better Tomorrow



Have you ever looked around you and seen multiple issues – locally, nationally and internationally? Have you ever wondered where to start and what you can do? Or have you ever felt that not enough is being done to help people or protect the environment?

This is where The Kāmahi Trust comes in. Our mission is to support our young generation, our rangatahi, to make a significant difference in our world.

We provide grants and mentoring

How do we do this? We provide grants and mentoring to young people with ideas for change with a significant social or environmental impact.

We know that our rangatahi will inherit the world and we want to give them the best chance to do so, through visionary projects.

Our Origin story

In 2020, our founder, Rebecca Mason, a leadership coach with over two decades of experience in working with people to be their best, looked around the world and felt she could be doing more.

Rebecca has always connected with young people who wanted to make a difference, calling them “young people with the light of vision in their eyes”.

She saw young people becoming involved in multiple initiatives, including those around climate change. So she looked for a way to support them with these projects, hence the Kāmahi Trust was born.



Our Work

Since 2020 the Kāmahi Trust has supported a number of rangatahi and their projects, such as:

- **Providing support** for a student to attend the International Chemistry Olympiad.
- **Providing a grant** for a student to enhance the digital footprint of national social and environmental projects being undertaken.
- **Providing ongoing mentoring** and grants to a project to support refugee students in schools by providing their backpacks with all the equipment needed.

Our Recipients Say

Isla Swanney: The Kāmahi Trust has a beautiful vision, and the world would be a better place if there were more organisations like it.



Nate Wilbourne: Ultimately, the Kāmahi Trust grant will enable us to make a greater impact on the issues that matter most to young people in Aotearoa. From advocating for social justice and environmental sustainability to promoting cultural diversity and mental health awareness, we're committed to driving positive change.



Pippa Sussex and Ysabella Abel: The mentoring sessions provided to us by the Kāmahi Trust have enabled us to expand our project. We have been able to see ways we can grow by reaching as many schools in our community as possible. We love being able to get an outside view of the project and get someone with experience and advice help us to better communicate with others.



We are looking for people who are exceptional and will make a significant impact; either to the environment, society or both.

Why Kāmahi?

The Kāmahi is a quiet achiever. It's a little-known tree that is thought to be the most abundant forest tree in New Zealand. It produces many seedlings; a metaphor for what's possible through a Trust designed to support young people. Kāmahi is a nursery species, meaning it creates the right environment for the taller tree species to grow – again, a perfect metaphor for the Trust.



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