Te Tiriti o Waitangi – personal actions

Below are suggestions of personal actions tangata Tiriti, in particular, might take in response to Te Tiriti. We encourage you to choose one or two actions you might take initially, and to come back to this list for other ideas in the future.

- Find out more about the places you live or work. Who are mana whenua? What was happening pre-treaty? How has colonisation changed this? What's happening today?
- Find out more about the histories of the people and groups/collectives you are part of e.g. your family, community groups. Where did your ancestors call home? How has Te Tiriti shaped your family or community?
- Learn more about Te Tiriti and encourage others to do so too (see this list of information sources for ideas and share this concise Te Tiriti explainer.)
- Use online dictionaries and resources to practice respectful use and pronunciation of te reo Māori.
- Keep up to date with current issues via Māori media – Whakaata Māori, E-Tangata, iwi radio and iwi websites.
- Ask others about their views on Te Tiriti. Raise issues for discussion, listen carefully to others – at home, in community groups, at work.
- Be a critical consumer of ideas, of stereotypes, of "common sense" assumptions. Ask who is speaking, in whose interest, and what alternative information is available.
- Challenge racist assumptions and stereotypes – both your own and others.
- If you have connections with your local school, show your support for them teaching Te Tiriti and enquire about the resources/approaches they are taking.
- Check out the Te Tiriti policy of the political parties or candidates you are thinking of voting for.
- Contact media (or use social media) to express support for positive Te Tiriti-related media items or to challenge inappropriate commentary.
- Find out how you can support Te Tiriti and Māori-led initiatives in organisations you belong to – work, places of worship, community groups, arts, sports and education.
- Where appropriate, materially support kaupapa Māori and Māori-led organisations by contributing funds or sharing resources.
- In your work/community involvement/study ask: "How does this relate to the articles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi?" "How can I support tangata whenua aspirations?"

Explore Groundwork's resources to support you in taking action.