

Le Va leads **Engaging Pasifika**, a national cultural competency training that supports health and disability workers gain the foundational attitudes, knowledge and skills to safely engage with and effectively deliver quality services for Pasifika people and their families



Demand for Engaging Pasifika cultural competency programme is high...

74% of New Zealand's mental health and addiction services said they wanted to **develop better knowledge and skills in cultural competency for working with Pasifika people.**\*

\* More than numbers organisation workforce survey, Te Pou, 2014

Since 2010, more than

## 8500

health and disability workers have completed Engaging Pasifika cultural competency training



Between July 2021 and June 2022

**A total of 703**  
Health and disability  
workers from  
**155 organisations**

completed Engaging Pasifika programme at **26 workshops** across the country and through a digital platform, Zoom.

During the COVID-19 traffic light system, **11 EP Live Online Zoom** were delivered to **287** health and disability workers



Average confidence levels of trainees in the foundational attitudes, knowledge and skills to safely engage with, and effectively deliver quality services for Pasifika people and their families



*"I will recommend this to all my colleagues and managers. Everyone would benefit if this was part of their orientation programme."*

*"Thanks for making me feel that while I don't really understand Pasifika culture well, that being myself, taking time to engage and asking questions are ok to start the journey alongside people."*

*"The scenarios were really helpful. The mixture of activities and interactive components were engaging. I want my whole team to come to this."*

*"I really enjoyed learning about the whanau relationships and found the videos were great to demonstrate this information and how to nurture the Va."*

*"Great presenters with good energy and relationship between them. Comfortable place to explore ways of working with other cultures. Gained new knowledge."*

*"This is the first cultural workshop I have attended where I have been told I am enough. I will remember this as long as I live. Thank you. May my work with Pasifika keep growing. Thank you!"*

*"It would be great if there was a part 2 available to extend our knowledge further – amazing course. As health professionals, I think we can sometimes see patients of any ethnicity as statistics due to the way we are taught. This course is a refreshing reminder that people are the centre of what we do. Behind every person is a culture that deserves to be respected."*

Engaging Pasifika offers blended learning



**EP Online:**  
Laying the Foundation

Pre-workshop e-Learning course




**EP Live:**  
Culture in Action

Face-to-face full day workshop




**EP+:**  
Beyond the Horizon

Post-workshop access to further e-Learning courses