

# Ōtautahi Learning Days Impact Report 2022

An **Ako Ōtautahi Learning City Christchurch** festival held during the 9th  
and 15th of May 2022,  
exploring the theme, **Innovation in Equity**.





**Learning Days**, May 9th to 15th, is an **Ako Ōtautahi Learning City Christchurch festival**, spread across the city and focused on celebrating all things learning. Our key theme was **Innovation in Equity**, where we explored some of the innovative ways of addressing equity and equitable learning. The events were free or low-cost and designed to be accessible, hands-on, experiential learning opportunities for anyone in wider Ōtautahi region.

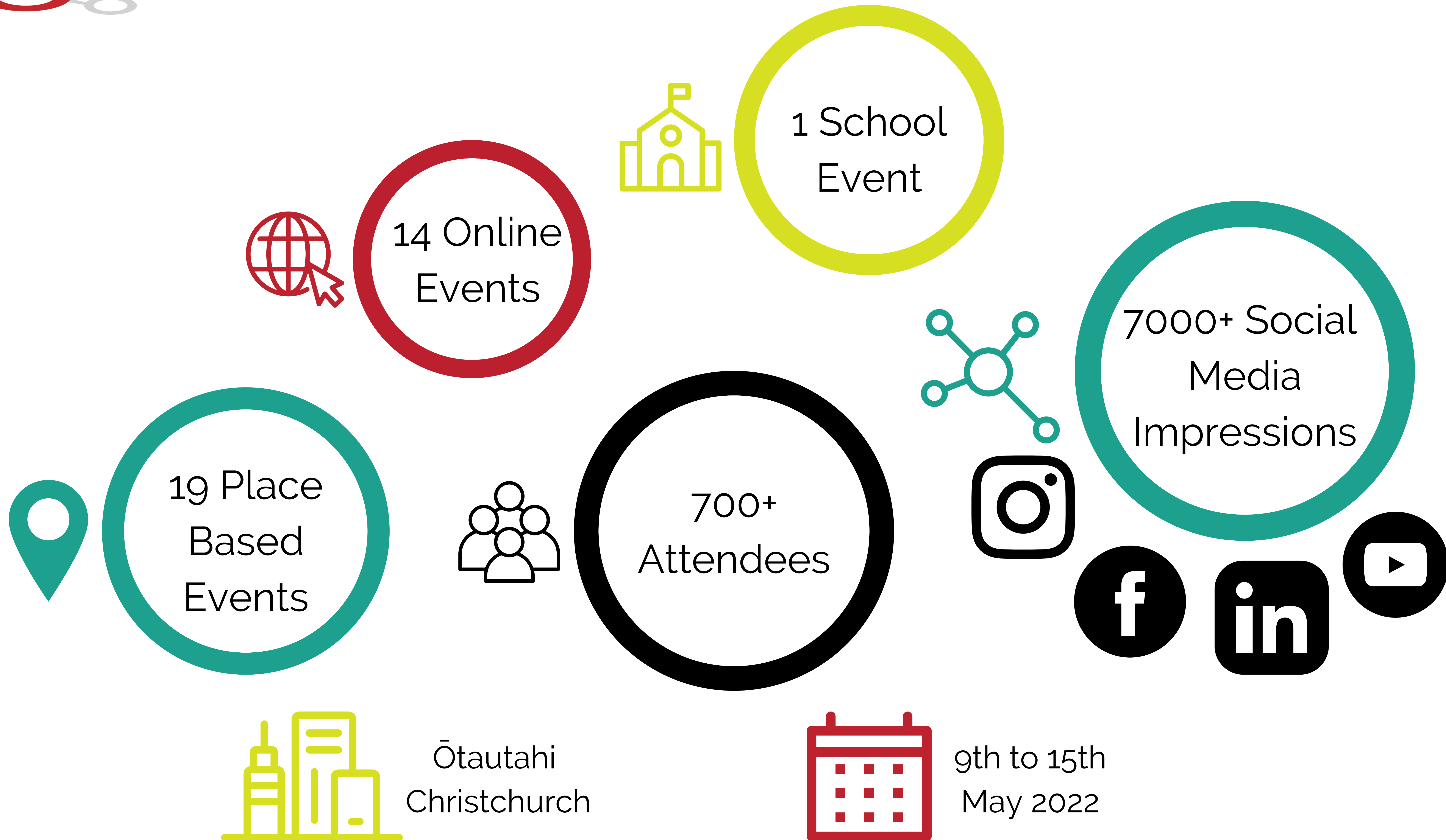




## Level 1 Impact - Data

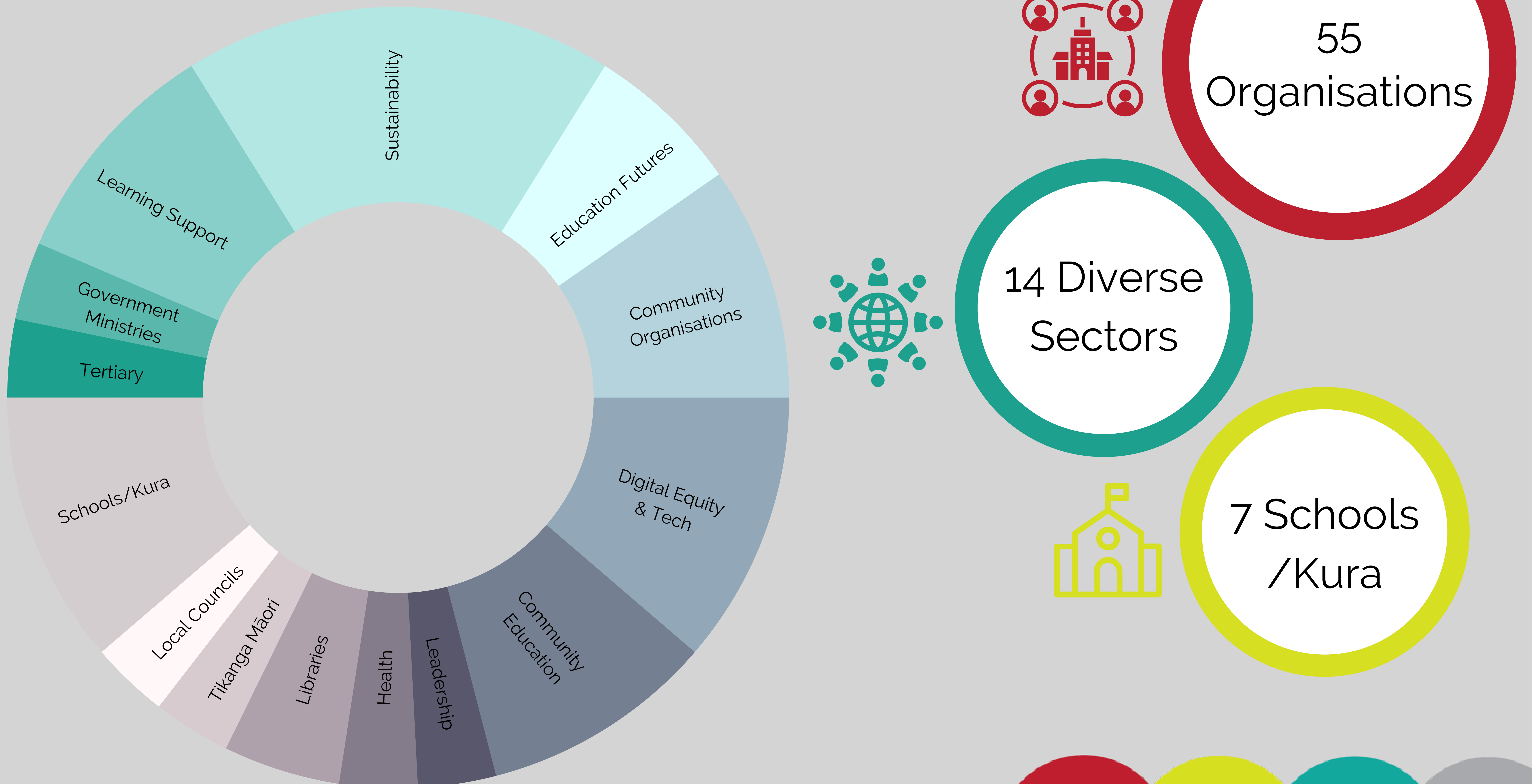
### The metrics:

- Attendance at events
- Reaction and relevance
- Social Media statistics





## Event Hosts & Facilitators Involved...





Together through Bread   Tech Exploration   Food Resilience

Permaculture   Intentional Listening   Digital Safety &  
Whole Systems   Knowledge Sharing   Accessibility

Te Reo Māori   Liberatory Futures

Covid-19 Learning's   Immigrant Journey's

Alternative & Universal   Exploring Equity  
Podcast for   Learning   using Minecraft  
Impact

Digital Equity

Zero Waste Tikanga

Kōrero about Inclusion and  
Diversity in Business

Youth Solutions for Digital  
Equity Challenges

Biodiversity   Literacy  
Learning through  
Community Gardening

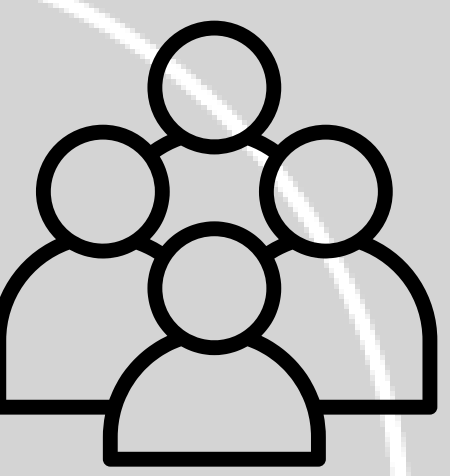
Upskilling Employees

Community Education

Addiction Support

App Upskilling





## Level 2: Impact for the People

- Impact for presenters and hosts
- Impact for attendees and participants
- How have they changed their perceptions and the focus of their activities?
- What initiatives have resulted?



# What was the impact on the people involved?

Learning Days provided the opportunity for existing learning organisations to connect with each other and to sow seeds of collaboration...



“I made connections with others in the community who shared similar interests, passions and curiosities, which ignited conversations of ideas and possibilities. The online events I attended were well supported with lots of pre-event support and communication to make sure there were no barriers for me to attend online. The follow-up from the online events included offers of further resources and support, which felt very kind and generous of the hosts.”  
Leona Harris, GCSN & Ako Ōtautahi

“We were absolutely stoked to be part of Ōtautahi Learning Days Festival, with UC students Jess and Kaitlyn running an awesome composting workshop in UC Community Gardens earlier this month. Lots of questions, connections, laughter and cups of tea shared. Simply divine!”  
University of Canterbury Sustainability Team



“I had a great time learning about Ngā Motu, a Minecraft world that has been created using te reo and te ao Māori. During the session my three children joined in once we saw other families taking part in the zoom. It was great to learn together, of course my children were far more adept at Minecraft than me. They enjoyed learning some new kupu and seeing artifacts that are significantly from te ao Māori made them feel like this version of Minecraft belonged to them, as New Zealanders. It got me thinking about the importance of connection to place in other media they use and how they could be including distinctive Aotearoa concepts and settings when creating their own digital content”  
Michaela Allen, Parent





## How have they changed their perceptions and the focus of their activities?

Learning Days provided the opportunity for people to grow a new idea, to stretch their thinking and deliver an event or experience that only came into being as a result of the festival...

### Kura Ki Pakihi Pitch Night- by CORE Education

As part of Ōtautahi Learning Days, four groups of secondary ākonga from schools in Canterbury pitched their solutions for digital equity challenges posed by local businesses and civic groups.

The pitches showcased the innovation, creativity and problem solving skills of young people.



“We were so honoured to hear the plans from rangatahi at the Kura ki Pakihi pitch night, where young people from across Ōtautahi, Christchurch presented their digital ideas to solve issues across the digital equity spectrum. From how to engage more wāhine in tech, to upskilling those who need better digital skills, and a game to help youth equip themselves with better mental and physical life skills. We were inspired, humbled and very grateful to be a part of it, and to enjoy an insight into what the future could look like if we collaborate and listen to and with our young people”

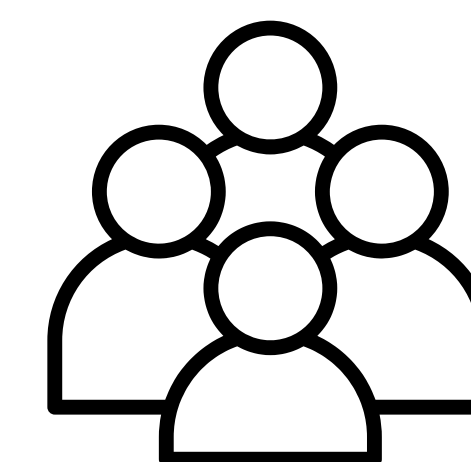
Natalie Jessup, Creative Good for DECA

“The Kura ki Pakihi celebration event was a roaring success! We had superb feedback from rangatahi, whānau, kaiako, education community, corporate and civic attendees. The overwhelming consensus was that there was great value in coming together as a wider learning ecosystem to hear about innovations in digital equity from young leaders of today.”

Josh Hough, CORE Education







## Thank you to the those involved...

### **Organisations**

ARA Institute of Canterbury  
Cyclone Computers  
PGF Services  
GCSN  
Spark Foundation  
Cyclone Computers  
Predator Free Riccarton  
UC School of Biological Sciences  
Riccarton Bush  
Think Beyond  
Knowledge Works  
Ōtautahi Futures Collective  
Core Education  
University of Canterbury  
UC Sustainability  
Canterbury Community Gardens Association  
Edible Streets  
Project Lyttelton  
Edible Canterbury  
Energy Academy  
Outside the Square Creative

Para Kore  
Richmond Community Gardens  
Canterbury Workers Education Association (CWEA)  
Alicia Ward - Te Reo Māori Facilitator  
Grow Waitaha  
CatalystIT  
Christchurch City Council  
Ministry of Education  
Ako Aotearoa  
ACE Aotearoa  
Risingholme Community Centre  
Skillpod  
Literacy Aotearoa  
Adult Literacy Centre  
Ministry for Pacific Peoples  
Waitangi Network Ōtautahi  
Linc Rourou  
Lady Khadija Trust  
Leadership Lab  
Tūranga Library  
Linwood Library  
Bromley Community Centre

Skillwise  
Te Ara Ātea, Selwyn Libraries  
Futurely  
Waiutuutu Community Garden  
Forest & Bird Youth  
Life Coaching with Fariya  
ImpactED  
Digital Waitaha  
A Communal Loaf  
PlainsFM  
Ōtākaro Orchard  
Think Elearning

### **Schools/Kura**

Kaikōura Suburban School  
Lincoln High School  
Avonside Girls High School  
Ao Tawhiti Unlimited Discovery  
Uru Mānuka Kāhui Ako

**And thanks to all the individuals who spoke on panels and worked behind the scenes to make events successful.**



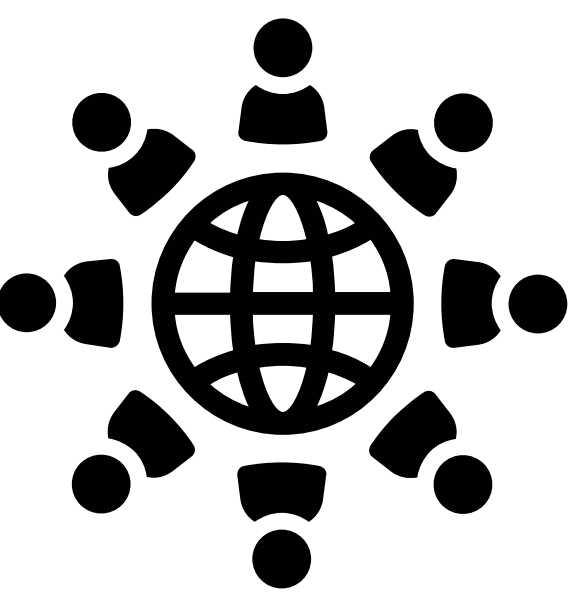




## Level 3:

# Impact for the Community

- Impact created for the wider community
- Impact the event/initiative has had in the wider community beyond those directly participating, ie what has changed? Lessons learnt? Next steps?
- How are resulting actions meeting the goals of AO-LCC in equity, access and innovation?



What was said about community impact?





## What was the impact created for the wider community?

The importance of place was critical for these series of events. Rather than having one central celebration point events were scheduled in the community, by community for community....



### Liberate Through Literacy Read-a-thon - by Mānuka Uru Kāhui Ako

Students dropped everything and read to celebrate the importance of literacy. Imagine 200 of these students converging at The Hub, Hornby to read together and share books from around the world.

“It's easy to tell ourselves we don't read, that we aren't readers, but we are. If we can see ourselves as readers, if we can see images of ourselves as readers, if we know what it looks like to be a reader, then we make it easier to be the readers that we need to be. This is a celebration of our literacy, and it doesn't matter which language we are reading in. Continuing to use our own first language is really important both for our literacy, and our sense of identity”

Robin Sutton, Hornby High Principal,  
Mānuka Uru Kāhui Ako



### Pop In & Learn With Us - by Ako Aotearoa & Risingholme Community Centre

This was a pop up at Eastgate Shopping Centre, celebrating Adult & Community Education and was a chance to learn something together. People were able to talk to and learn with community tutors and learners from across the city

“Ako Aotearoa Southern loved the opportunity to participate in this year's Learning City Christchurch Learning Days Festival. A wonderful occasion to share learning activities with the public and to connect with other educators from Literacy Aotearoa Aoraki, Hagley Adult Literacy Centre, Ara Institute of Canterbury, Network Waitangi Otago, ACE Aotearoa, Risingholme Community Centre, Tupu Aotearoa, WEA Canterbury Workers' Educational Association and SkillWise. The diversity of the local population of Linwood was evident. In particular, it was good to see so many young children with their whānau members.”

Jennifer Leahy, Ako Aotearoa





# How did Learning Days impact Innovation in Equity?

Learning Days focused on positive stories of success and how we can amplify innovative solutions to creating a thriving community for all.



## Kōrero! - by GCSN & Spark Foundation

This was a wānanga about how we might engage more rangatahi Māori and Pasifika into the Technology & Engineering sectors here in Ōtautahi.

“It was so inspiring and encouraging to hear how far things have come and the opportunities for both business and rangatahi, who are stepping into new worlds and challenging our status quo, to create and lead in more integrated, collaborative and strategic ways of working into the future.  
Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou mō ō koutou korero ataahua.”  
Natalie Jessup, Creative Good for DECA

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## Immigrant Journey's - by LinC Rourou, Leadership Lab & Lady Khadija Trust

This was an opportunity to spotlight interviewees from the Immigrant Journeys documentaries and participate in roundtable conversations about how we can work together to create peace and unity between and within diverse communities.

“Aotearoa is an immigrant nation – from the first peoples to colonial settlement, we have crossed the oceans to call this place home. Immigrant Journeys NZ reveals the rich diversity that our most recent immigrants bring to Aotearoa New Zealand. Through their different skills, cultural backgrounds, and experiences they strengthen and add immense value this country.”  
Christchurch City Libraries

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Our third year of Learning Days built on the successes of previous years and created a sense of excitement to those who attended. Learning Days did demonstrate the importance of coming together and making the learning ecosystem visible.

There were a number of multigenerational events, taking place in the outdoor environment, local libraries, community spaces and online. These were powerful demonstrations of learning together and from each other. Respect, listening and genuine curiosity were evident. Diversity shone through!

For 2022, we made a conscious decision not to demand too much of schools and Kāhui Ako, but we did provide them with a number of events that they could participate in. The online Hybrid Flexible Learning conversation, for example, provided some practical suggestions for local teachers.

We were also able to connect with international experts, using their strengths combined with local people who could make connections to our place. This comment from one of our international presenters, Jason Swanson, from Knowledgeworks USA is a fitting summary:

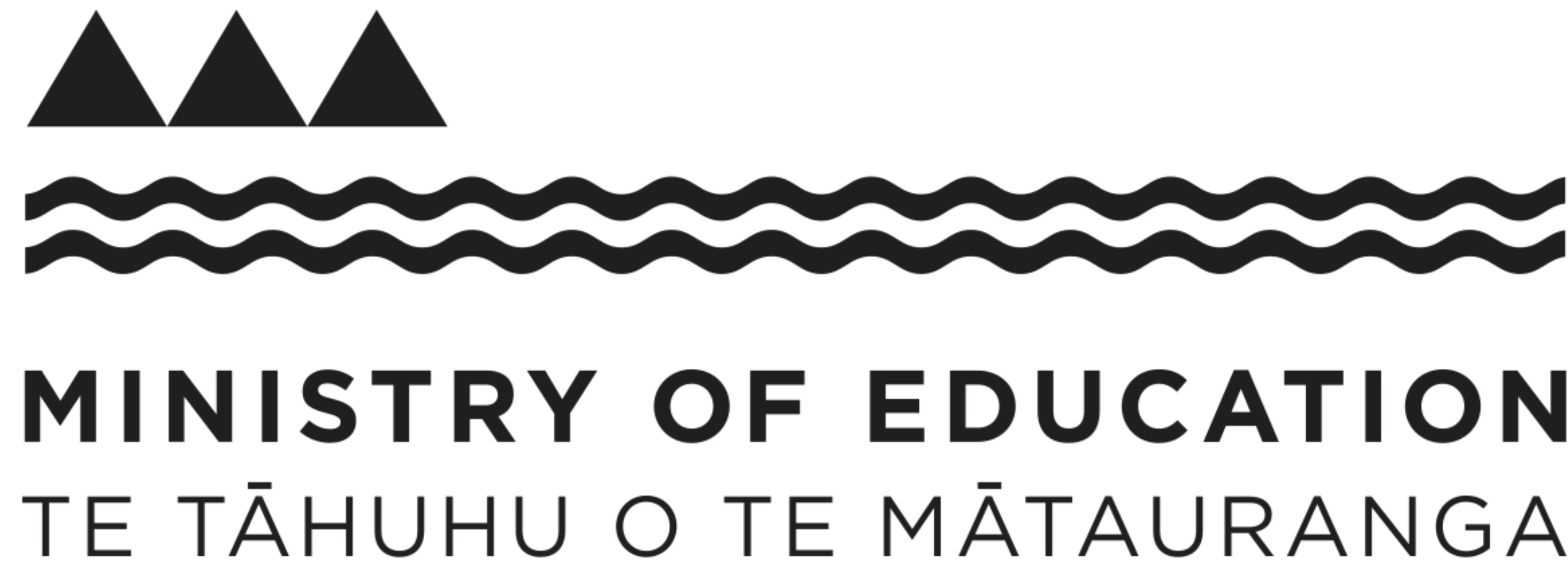
“ ‘I wanted to thank you all for the chance to share space and be part of your community conversations. Your learning community holds a very special place in my heart. The thoughtfulness and care that each of you take in being stewards of our collective futures is inspiring. I left our conversation with a sense of renewal and hope in a time when hope can be a challenge.

Thank you all for all of the work you do to improve the lives of young people and to shape the future of learning, and for being so generous with your time, experience and expertise.’ ”





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