



## Why join a women's network?

There's never been a better time to be part of a women's network. The public sector is more focused on diversity and inclusion than ever before.

#### As a network member you can:

- Meet like-minded colleagues
- Get professional support and advice
- Hear from inspiring and motivating speakers
- Attend network-led learning and skill-building sessions
- Expand your opportunities and public sector knowledge
- Receive news relevant to women in the public sector
- Influence your agency's policies and practices
- And much more... networks achieve more with member participation.

### Or lead the way on a network committee

If you feel passionate about gender equity in the workforce, you can create or be part of a network committee leading the change. You will have the opportunity to:

- Design events that address key issues for women
- Have direct interaction with senior staff as part of your network leadership
- Build confidence, public speaking, event planning and networking skills
- Advocate for awareness on gender-related issues
- Hone your leadership skills and expand your opportunities
- Increase professional visibility and boost your CV
- Be a role model, mentor and influencer.

### Women's networks are in many agencies

ACC, Auckland Council, Corrections, Customs, Fire & Emergency, Inland Revenue, LINZ, MBIE, Ministry for Culture and Heritage, MPI, Ministry for Women, MFAT, MFE, MOH, MSD, MOJ, Ministry of Transport, NZ Police, NZ Post, NZTE, Stats NZ, Wellington City Council, Worksafe... and many more.

#### How do I join my network?

You can check your agency's intranet to find out if there's a women's network in your agency. If there isn't one, or you don't know for sure, contact the Government Women's Network (GWN) at <u>enquiries@gwn.govt.nz</u> and we can tell you if there's one to join or give you advice about starting a network.

### Find out more

To find out more about women's networks, visit the GWN website or get in touch.

# What is GWN and how does it help?

Government Women's Network is working for gender parity in the public sector through system-level change. Nothing less will create the deep and sustainable shift throughout the public sector that is required.

By connecting women and supporting women's networks in government agencies and their programmes, we can build a more visible presence and a collective voice to make better progress for women.

> GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S NETWORK TE AKA WĀHINE O AOTEAROA WOMEN ACHIEVING THEIR POTENTIAL



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