



# *Ara Taiohi*

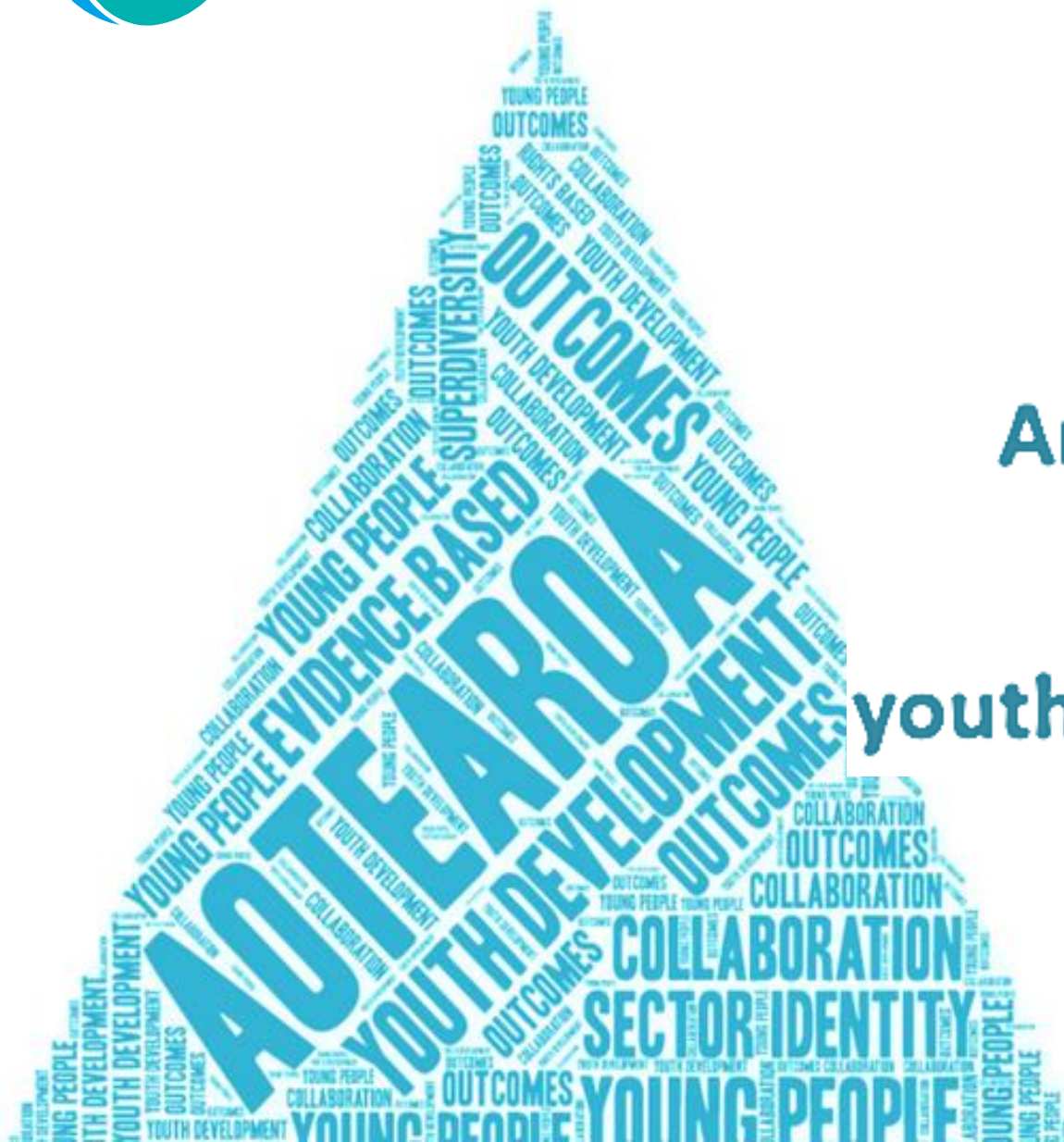
*Peak Body for Youth Development*

# Youth Development in Aotearoa: an ecosystem in crisis?

- Ara Taiohi: locating this kōrerō
- Young people in Aotearoa: past, present, future
- Current youth policy challenges
- The cliff: valuing paradox
- Social investment and young people
- The youth development ecosystem
- Youth policy in Aotearoa right now: a critical stocktake



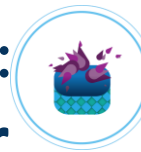
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**Ara Taiohi is the  
peak body for  
youth development**

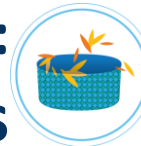
# Our Priorities

**Ngā Rourou o Ara Taiohi:**  
**Connect the Sector**



*Whakawhanaungatanga*

**Ngā Kete o Ara Taiohi:**  
**Raise the standards**



*Whakamanatanga*

**Te Korowai o Ara Taiohi:**  
**Champion Youth Development**



*Taiohitanga*

**Te Waikawa o Ara Taiohi:**  
**Promote Sustainability**



*Rōnakitanga*

**There are  
761,900  
young people**

**who are between  
12-24 years old in  
Aotearoa.  
That's 20%.**

**Our nation's  
future depends  
on how well we  
support our  
young people to  
shine, and create  
the conditions  
where they will  
thrive.**

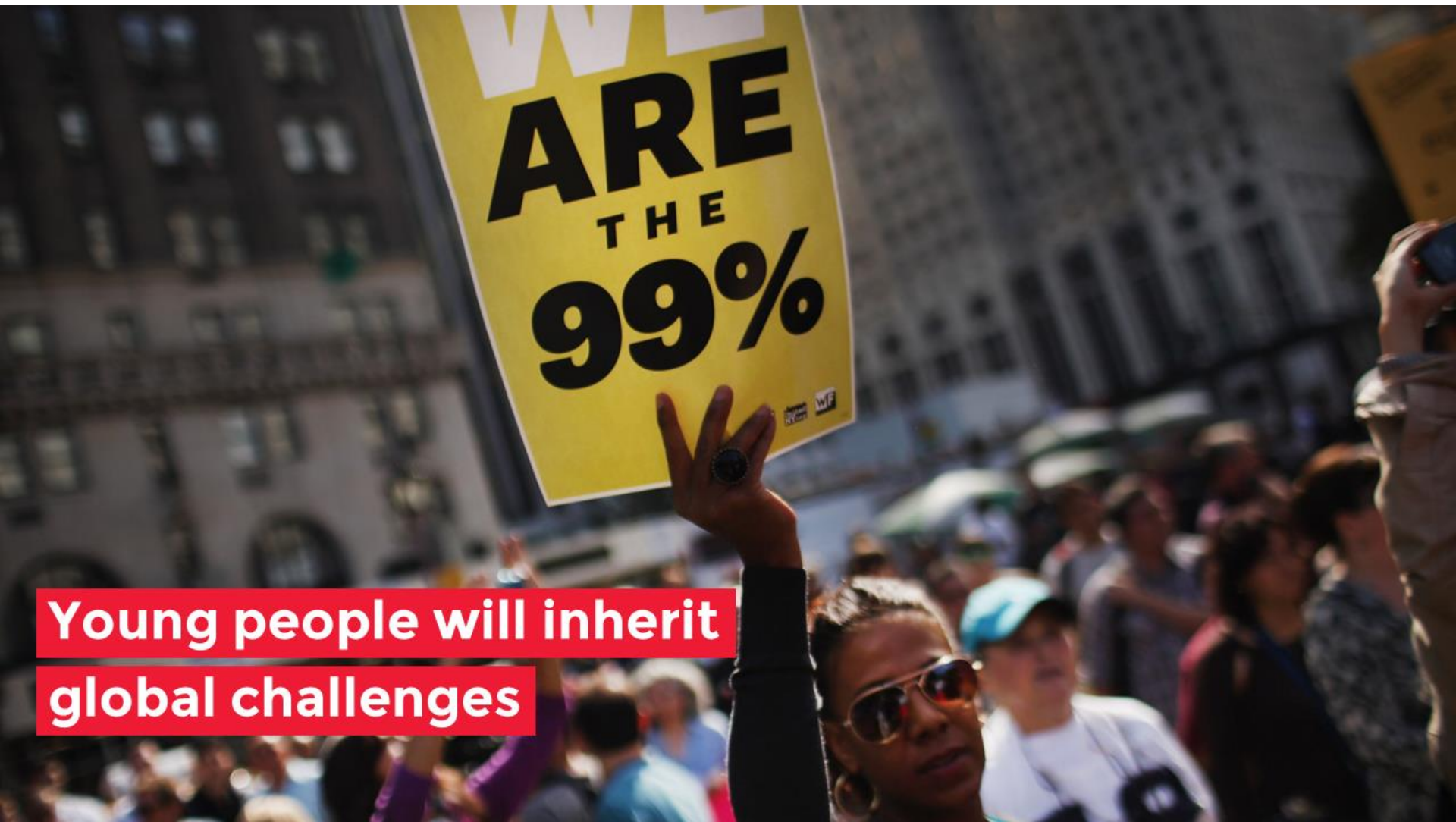


# YOUNG PEOPLE IN AOTEAROA 1999

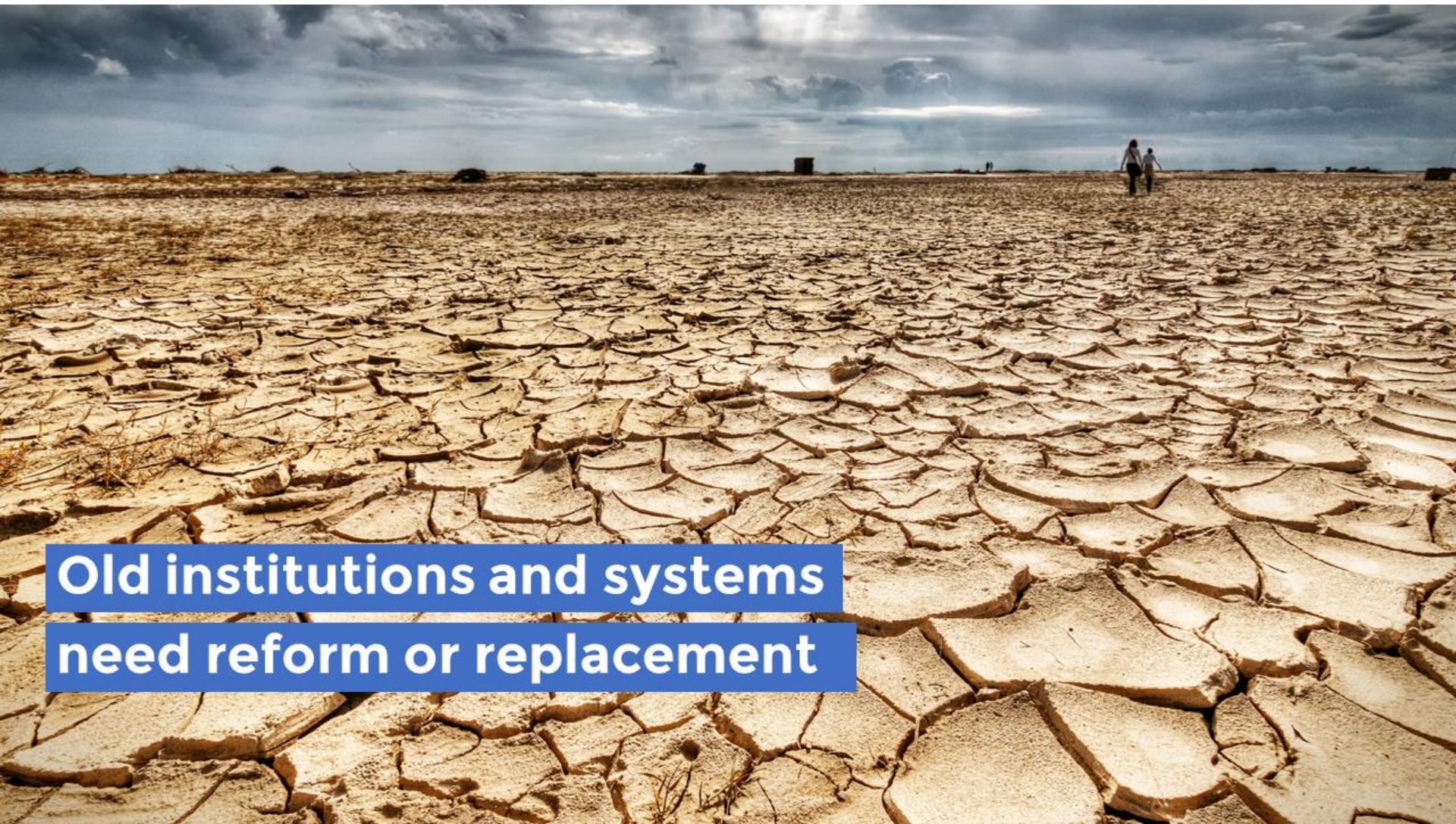
- Earlier physical maturity
- Extended dependency
- Rapidly changing labour markets
- Increased levels of education
- Increased levels of psycho-social disorders
- Fluid family structures
- Increased significance of culture

# YOUNG PEOPLE IN AOTEAROA 2017

- Superdiversity
- Increasingly unequal/inequitable society
- Education≠income
- Increased levels of mental ill-health
- Family structures under economic pressure
- Identity/culture=wellbeing
- Intergenerational disconnect



**Young people will inherit  
global challenges**



**Old institutions and systems  
need reform or replacement**



## The New Work Order

**40%**  
of jobs are at  
high risk of  
automation

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**Our world is increasingly inequitable**

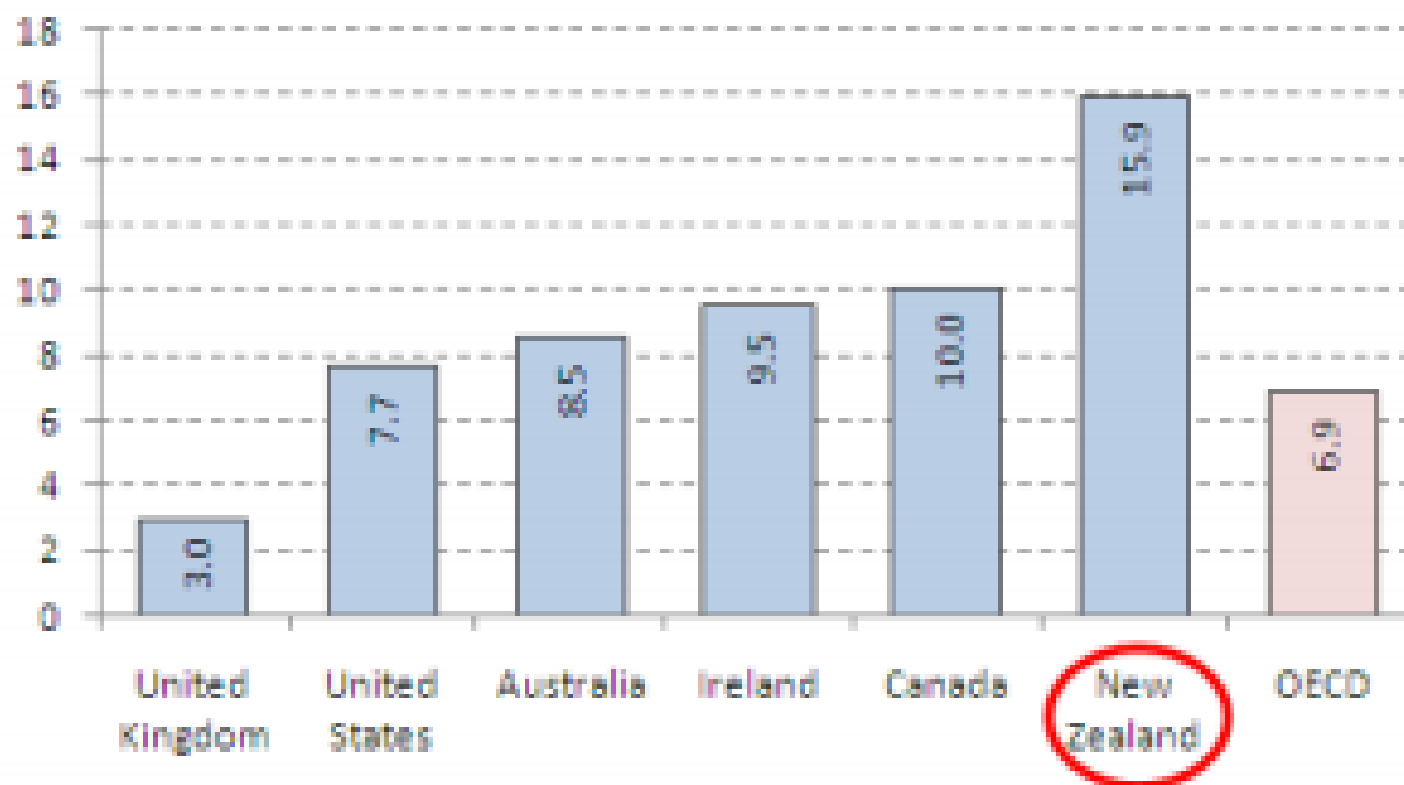
# INTERGENERATIONAL INEQUALITY

Rates of deprivation compared across 9 similar countries for children, older people and the whole population.

Country	Children 0-17	Age 65+	Total Population
Czech Republic	20	17	20
Italy	18	14	14
New Zealand	18	3	13
United Kingdom	15	5	10
Ireland	14	4	11
Germany	13	7	13
Sweden	7	3	6
Netherlands	6	3	6
Spain	9	11	11

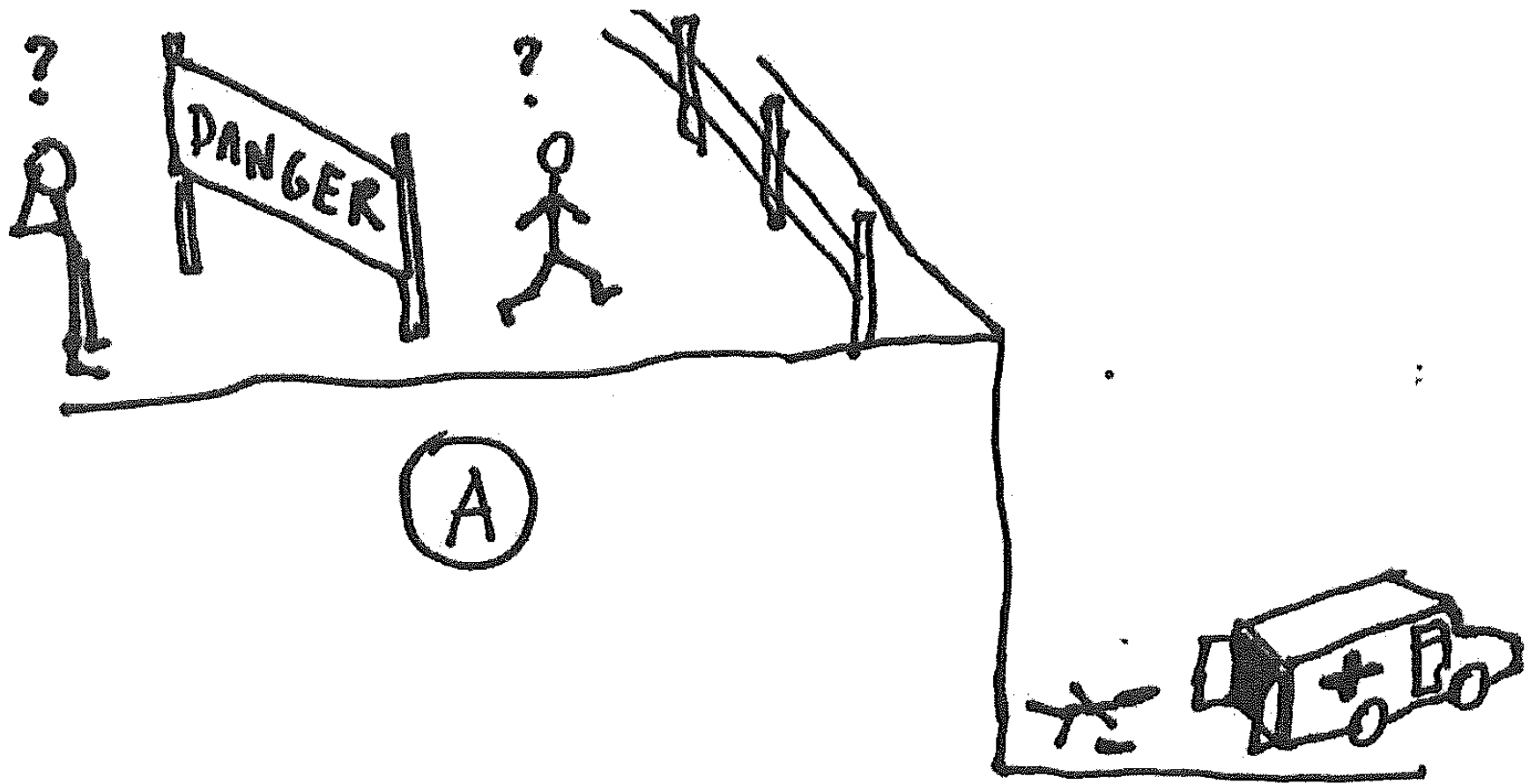
# Aotearoa New Zealand has the highest rates of youth suicide in the OECD

*Suicides per 100,000 youth aged 15-19 (most recent data)*



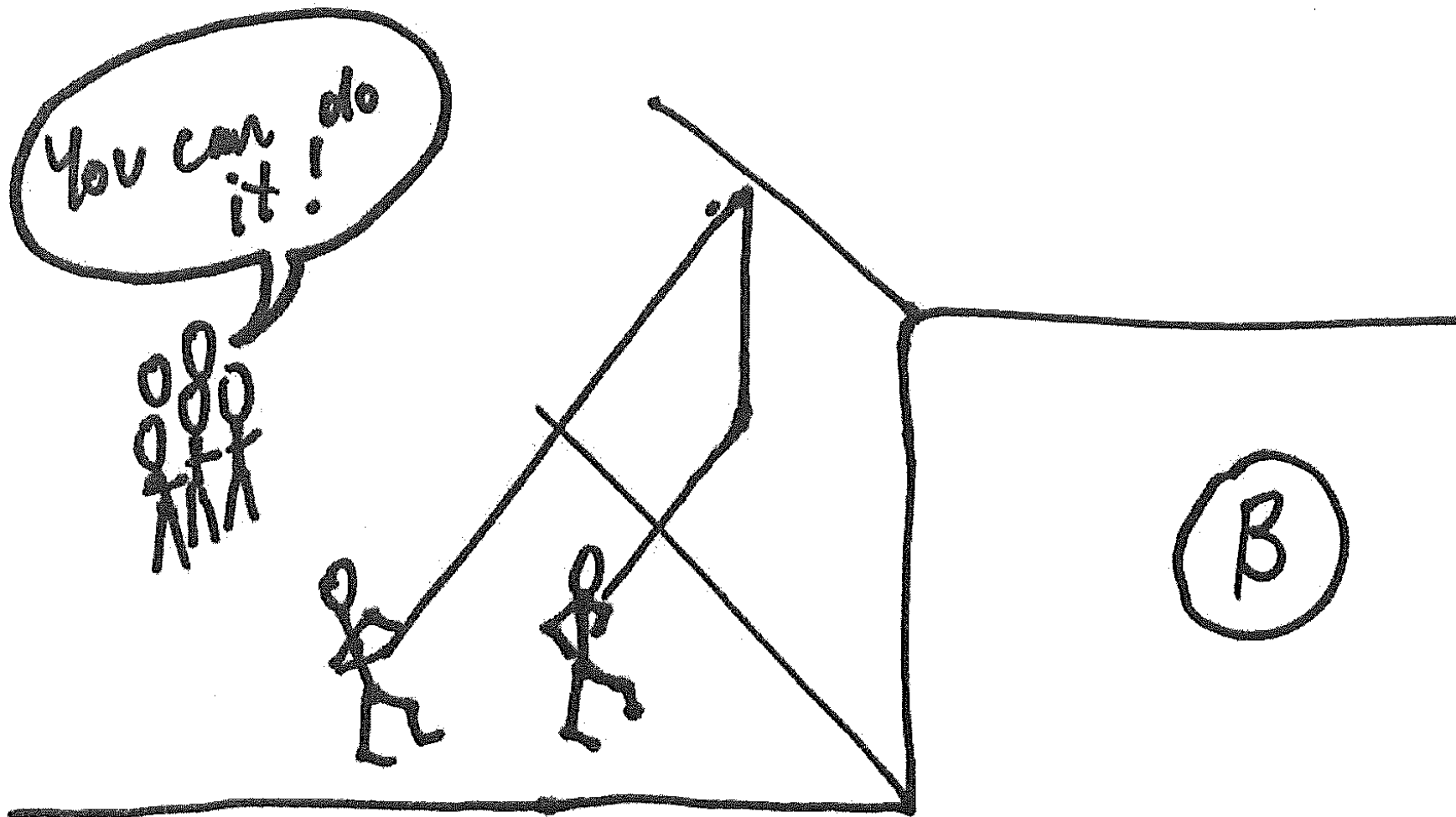


**DANGER!**  
**DO NOT GO  
BEYOND THIS  
POINT**  
DANGEROUS CLIFF EDGE









How does the policy problem definition and context invoke the cliff?

Does it tend to emphasise the cliff as a risk, or the cliff as a potential for learning?

Which one?

Why?

How could the policy problem be redrafted to include both aspects?

Props to David Hanna  
Policy maker and cartoonist extraordinaire  
Ministry of Youth Affairs  
1999

# Social Investment in NZ



# Social Investment in NZ

- Who do we need to get better long-term results for?
- What is the best way to get those results?

Predictive modelling is the use of automated tools to help identify people at risk early enough to allow for effective intervention.

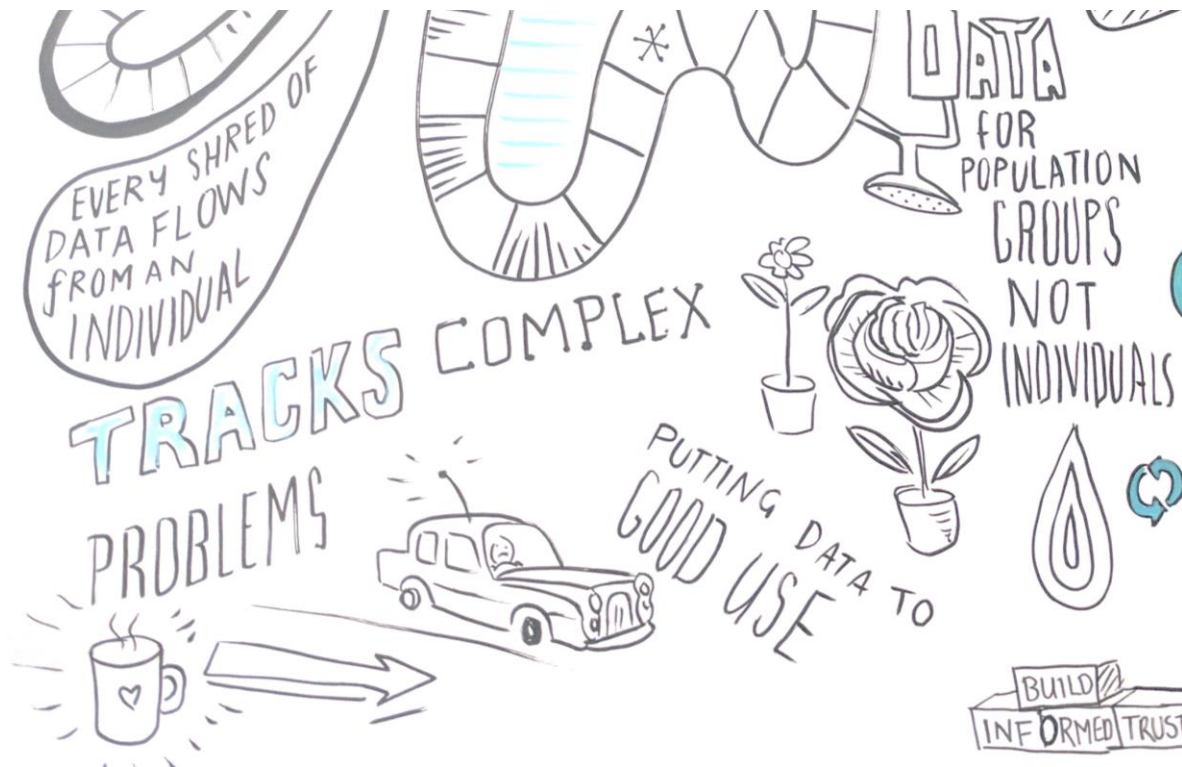
Early identification= children and young people



# PROTECTIVE FACTORS



# BIG DATA REPRODUCES EXISTING KNOWLEDGE

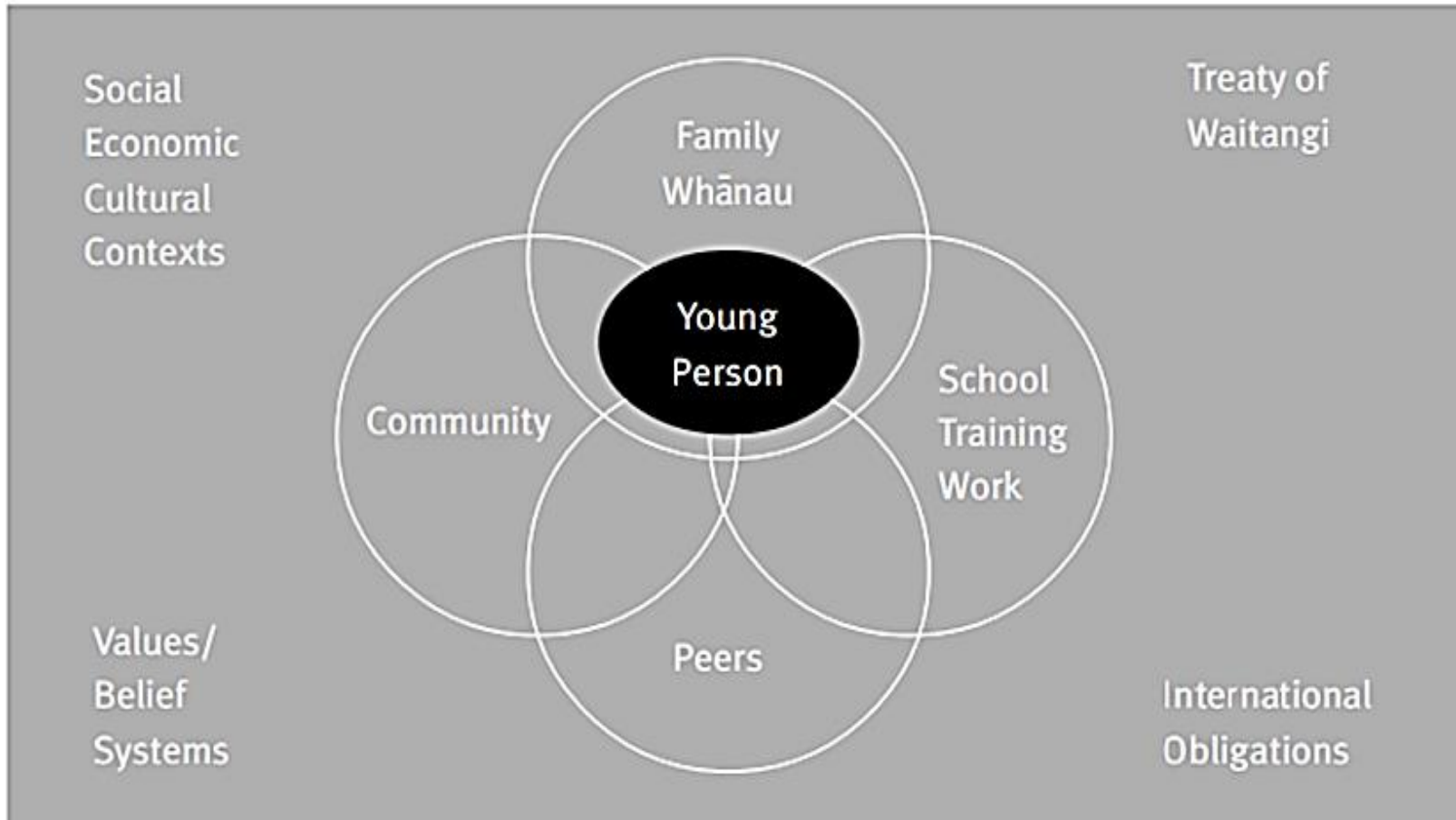


YOUNG PEOPLE:  
capable, energetic  
and frequently  
visionary;  
even, or particularly,  
the ones we labelled  
as at risk

David Hanna  
Ministry of Youth Affairs  
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“Young people with positive characteristics- a sense of industry and competence, a feeling of connectedness to others and to society, a belief in their control over their own fate in life, and a stable identity, are more likely to have positive experiences at school, participate in socially positive peer groups and generally demonstrate cooperative behaviour.”

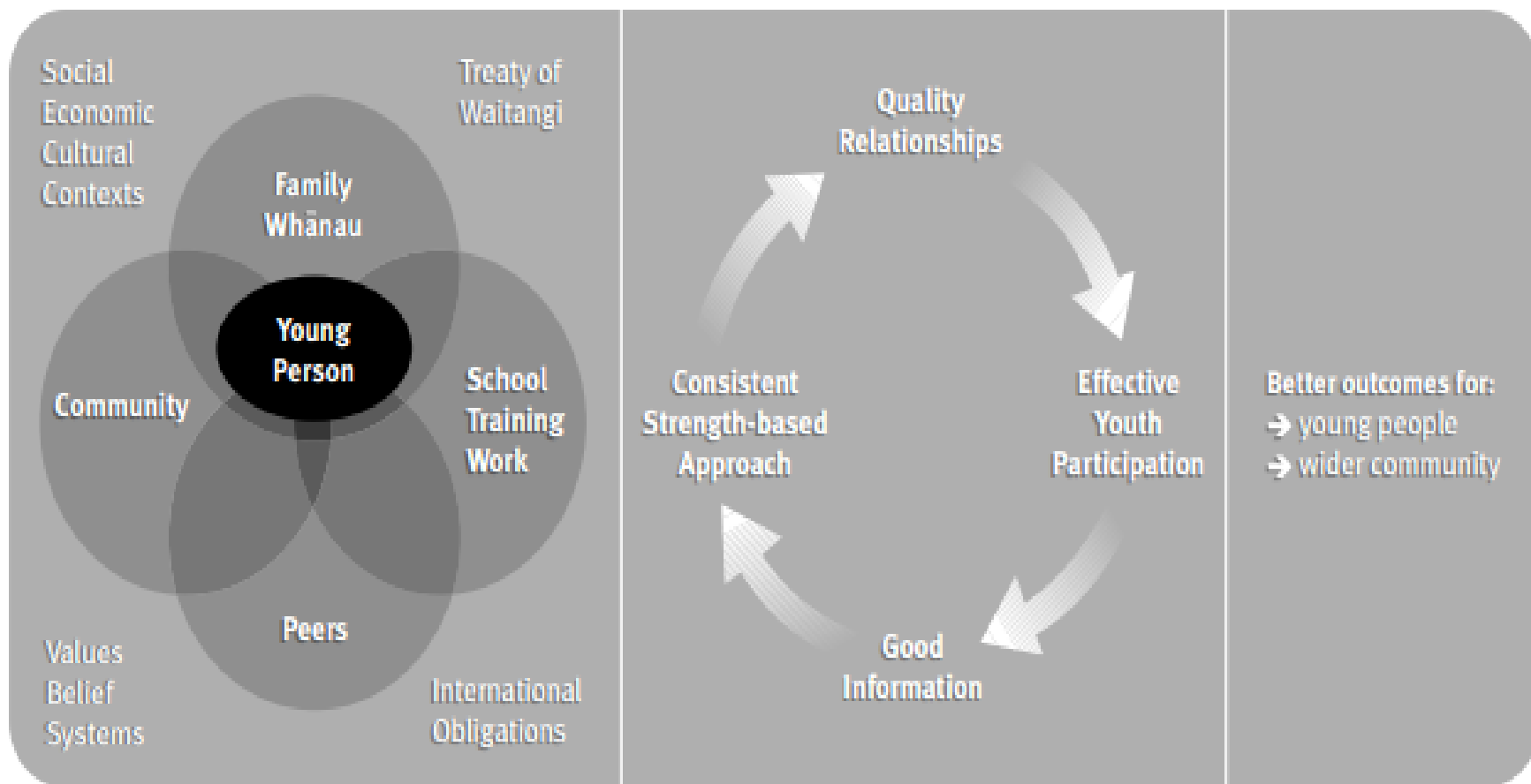




# YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AS ECOSYSTEM



**E kore au e ngaro, he kākano i ruia mai i Rangiātea.**  
I will never be lost, for I am a seed sown in Rangiātea.





## **Aotearoa New Zealand**

A country where young people are vibrant and optimistic through being supported and encouraged to take up challenges. [arataiohi.org.nz](http://arataiohi.org.nz)



# YOUTH POLICY IN AOTEAROA 2017

We have a disconnected and deficit youth policy framework and professional landscape.

Measurement and predicting risk has become the overarching logic that connects policy frameworks in which young people are implicated.



# The Challenge

- From risk factors to protective factors
- From problem to solution
- Transforming an 'apathetic' system requires investment in people, workforce and culture

Young people are  
the holders of  
rights, assets,  
future leaders and  
the architects of a  
more hopeful  
future.



He aha te mea nui o te ao?  
He tangata, he tangata, he  
tangata.