



# Centre for Pacific Languages

## *Warm Pacific Greetings*

Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Mālo ni, Ni sa bula vinaka, Noa'ia, Fakatalofa, Kam na mauri, Kia ora.



### **Learning Te Reo Maori, why it is important to learn your mother tongue.**

In celebration of the Maori Language Week - Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori, Mary Aue catches up with Dr Will Flavel (Ngā Puhi, Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti Whatua).

Dr Will Flavel is a strong advocate for people to learn their heritage language! The loss of a language is a loss of a particular worldview. Dr Flavel lives in Tāmaki Makaurau where many languages are spoken in the city. Dr Flavel also loves seeing the resurgence of te reo Māori in the schools and public spaces. However, he also advocates that we must all continue to push for more funding and resources to support language learning in Aotearoa.

For more on this story check out the [Centre for Pacific Languages Website](#).



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**As te reo Māori use rises, can churches save Pacific languages from dying? By Auia Vaimaila Leatinu'u for Pacific Media Network.**

As the use of te reo Māori increases in Aotearoa, many in the Pacific community are asking how can they stop the decline in the use of their own languages.

Following a joint study on Pacific languages in Aotearoa, Dr Melenaita Taumoefolau and her peers found that Pacific language use had declined in both the home and church.

At the time of the study's release in 2013, Taumoefolau warned that languages like vagahau Niue (Niuean language) and reo Māori 'Kūki 'Āirani (Cook Islands language) were at risk of being lost altogether and the researchers recommended churches increase the use of Pacific languages in their services.

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**Samoan youth go back to their roots for sake of next generation. By Sia Talafoa for Pacific Media Network.**

NZ born-Samoan youth from an Auckland church have been revitalising the traditions of their culture, ensuring it stays alive for the generation to come.

Statistics NZ reports that less than 50 per cent of Samoans in NZ speak two languages, a number which has been steadily declining since 2006. In response to this situation, the Grey Lynn Ekalesia Faapotopotoga Kerisiano Samoa (EFKS) church has begun running workshops to teach their youth group of 30 young people how to perform traditional speaking practices, as well as teaching the group, who range between 13 – 25, how Samoans live back in the islands.

After an evaluation, church leaders found there was a need within the youth to understand formal Samoan language and traditions.

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### **Centre for Pacific Languages begins the search for a Chief Executive Officer.**

The Centre for Pacific Languages is on the search for a new leader with the application process now open. If you are someone that is passionate about language learning and is looking for an opportunity to lead a team of dedicated Pacific language knowledge holders, this maybe the opening for you.

- For a copy of the information pack please email Melissa Keane at [info@amYTEA.co.nz](mailto:info@amYTEA.co.nz)
- To apply please email your cover letter and CV to [apply@amYTEA.co.nz](mailto:apply@amYTEA.co.nz)
- Closing date: Wednesday 4th October

Refer to the advert for more information.



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## Chief Executive

- Revitalising Pacific languages
- Advocacy, language teaching, translation and cultural competency
- Auckland based, national scale



The Centre for Pacific Languages has a well established track record, championing the revitalisation of Pacific Languages. We work closely with the Ministry for Pacific Peoples and with Pacific community leaders and cultural experts across New Zealand. We offer language teaching programmes, translation services and cultural competency programmes.

The Chief Executive Officer is the ultimate steward of the organisation, providing the overall leadership, direction and management. You will be tasked with delivering and continuing to grow our national service offerings. You will drive our growth strategy, increasing long-term funding and diversification of our revenue streams. You will work closely with all our communities including those in our regions and will be a powerful advocate and champion of Pacific Language Revitalisation.

To succeed in this role you will be a proven senior leader with broad general management skills. You will be strongly connected to the Pasifika community and bring a deep understanding of appreciation of Pacific culture and community practices. Experience in adult education or professional development programmes would be an advantage. Most importantly, you will be a values based leader, innovative, collaborative, and able to deliver at pace and at scale.

For a copy of the information pack please email Melissa Keane at [info@amytea.co.nz](mailto:info@amytea.co.nz)



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### Other Vacancies:

- ADMINISTRATOR (Part-time, 30 hours/week)
- Manukau location
- Fixed term to 22nd Dec 2023 | with possible extension

### Key responsibilities will include:

- Office Administration: Provide effective administrative support to the Office Manager for planning, external engagement, financial management, and reporting.
- Special projects Administration: Provide effective administrative support - managing bookings, liaising with external clients, contractors, and facilitators, organising logistics.
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- Experience in an administrative role
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- Ability to work independently and in a team

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