



Haere mai to our final Outing Violence newsletter for 2024!

We're here to highlight violence prevention mahi and knowledge building for Takatāpui and Rainbow communities in Aotearoa.

Get [in touch](#) if you have any questions or mahi to share, follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) for regular updates, and visit our [website](#) for more information.

Hohou Te Rongo Kahukura is dedicated to building Takatāpui and Rainbow communities in Aotearoa New Zealand free of family, partner and sexual violence. Our work is underpinned by Te Tiriti o Waitangi, so we include everyone who is sex, sexuality and gender diverse, under, in and over our glorious Rainbow.

TINO MĪHARO: NEW SUPPORT FOR TAKATĀPUI & RAINBOW SURVIVORS!!!!



We are thrilled to announce that we have been approved by ACC to run a **sensitive claims service for Takatāpui and Rainbow survivors**, opening on 1 December 2024. This means fully funded support, treatment and assessment services for survivors of sexual abuse or assault.

Our intention is to provide free, confidential, mana-enhancing support and recovery services for Takatāpui and Rainbow survivors of **sexual harm**. This includes fully funded therapeutic support for survivors, partners and whānau, where our identities are treated as the taonga they are, and sexual harm is understood within our community contexts.

We will train, offer peer supervision and ongoing support for all our therapists and other suppliers, to change heteronormative and cis normative assumptions and shift practice. Through our **research** and contact with survivors, we recognise services have not always been respectful or appropriate for people in our communities.

In-person support is available from **our therapists** in Hamilton, Taupō, Waikato, Tauranga, Rotorua, Napier, Wellington, Dunedin, Horowhenua, Palmerston North and Christchurch, and we are happy to connect with survivors outside those areas, just get in touch with us and we'll do our best to meet your needs. We also have therapists who exclusively support Takatāpui, Pacific and ethnic Rainbow survivors.

If you are interested in joining our service as a provider, please **fill in this form**.

If you want to make a referral or self-referral, **contact us**.

Or **visit our website** to find out more!

SURVIVORS SPEAK OUT THROUGH ROYAL COMMISSION INQUIRY

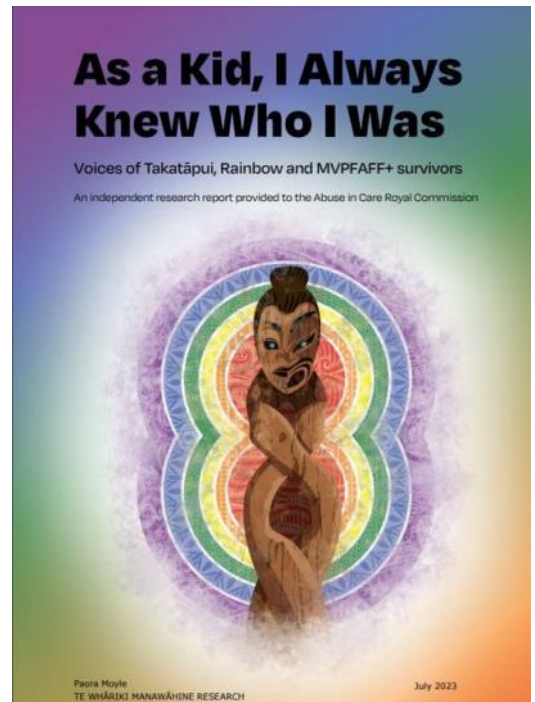
Aotearoa has been rocked by the findings of the Royal Commission Abuse in Care Inquiry, which outline in horrifying detail the dehumanising ways state and faith institutions have treated people over decades. As with other forms of violence, abuse and neglect in care and faith institutions has targeted Māori and communities like Takatāpui and Rainbow people at higher rates. The negative societal and faith-specific attitudes and discrimination brought to Aotearoa through colonisation about diverse sexualities, genders and bodies are laid out clearly in two reports based on the Inquiry.

These Victorian British values have resulted in targeting of our identities and conversion practices, and forms of abuse specific to our communities, relying on homophobia, biphobia, transphobia and interphobia.

READ: Survivor advocate and researcher Paora Moyle has produced an independent research report to uplift the voices of Takatāpui, Rainbow and MVPFAFF+ survivors: [As A Kid, I Always Knew Who I Was](#).

READ: The Royal Commission [summary and key messages about Takatāpui, Rainbow and MVPFAFF+ survivors](#).

Hohou Te Rongo Kahukura honours the voices of all survivors who shared their experiences with the Royal Commission, as well as many in our communities who did not or could not. We recognise the far-reaching impacts of these forms of abuse today.



FREE STUFF!!!!!!!! RAINBOW SAFE INTRODUCTION ONLINE MODULE



Training Portal

The Hohou Te Rongo Kahukura training team has been busy, setting up a [brand-new online training portal](#). This includes a free Rainbow Safe Introduction module for everyone interested in finding out more about sex, sexuality and gender diversity.

We see this kind of Rainbow 101 as a basic requirement, allowing us to offer more detailed and specialist violence prevention modules including [Rainbow Safe: Experiences of Violence](#). Watch out next year, when we will launch a range of new modules, including around Elder Abuse!

Find out more about the training and ongoing professional development we [offer](#), or read about our Takatāpui and Tauwi training team [here](#).

UPDATE: PREVENTING ELDER ABUSE

Since releasing [Uplifting Takatāpui and Rainbow Elder Voices](#), we have been collaborating with Age Concern Auckland, as they look to become a service that is mana-enhancing and welcoming for older people in our communities. We piloted [Rainbow Ready](#) training with their staff team, and identified policy and practice shifts to support their work to address some of the fears older people expressed to us.

“I would like more organisations and professionals to undertake this training.” Age Concern staff



[PrideNZ](#) has added all our Elder Voices podcasts, to help them reach even more people in our communities. We are also advocating for the needs of Takatāpui and Rainbow elders in community hui and national conferences focused on the needs of older people. Many older people who took part in Elder Voices have been present, including at the New Zealand Association of Gerontology [Navigating Ageing conference](#) and New Zealand’s first [Elder Abuse Symposium](#). The battle to get the needs of older people in our communities ‘on the map’ in terms of strategies and resourcing continues – we’re working on more resources we will be releasing in 2025 so watch this space!

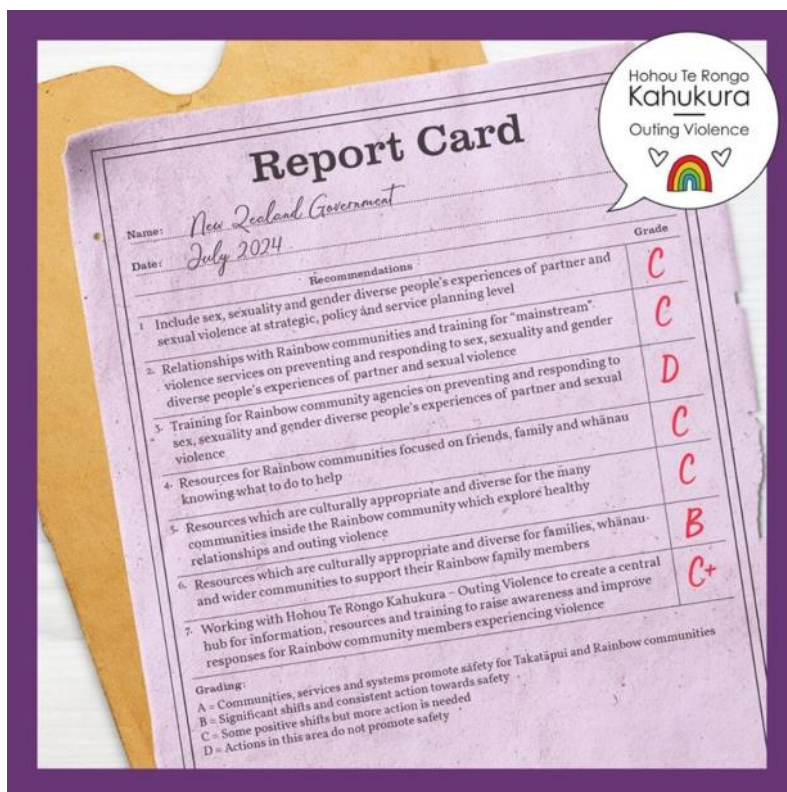
Contact the [training team](#) if you would like to book Rainbow Ready training for your agency.

REPORT CARD: Lack of progress for Takatāpui and Rainbow communities

Earlier this year, we produced a [report card](#) on progress on preventing and responding to violence in Takatāpui and Rainbow communities over the last eight years. Overall, the results reflect a lack of targeted government investment to make a difference for our communities, with just the Tainui-a-rohe family violence collaboration holding a specialist Hohou Te Rongo Kahukura role. After two weeks, our caseload was full.

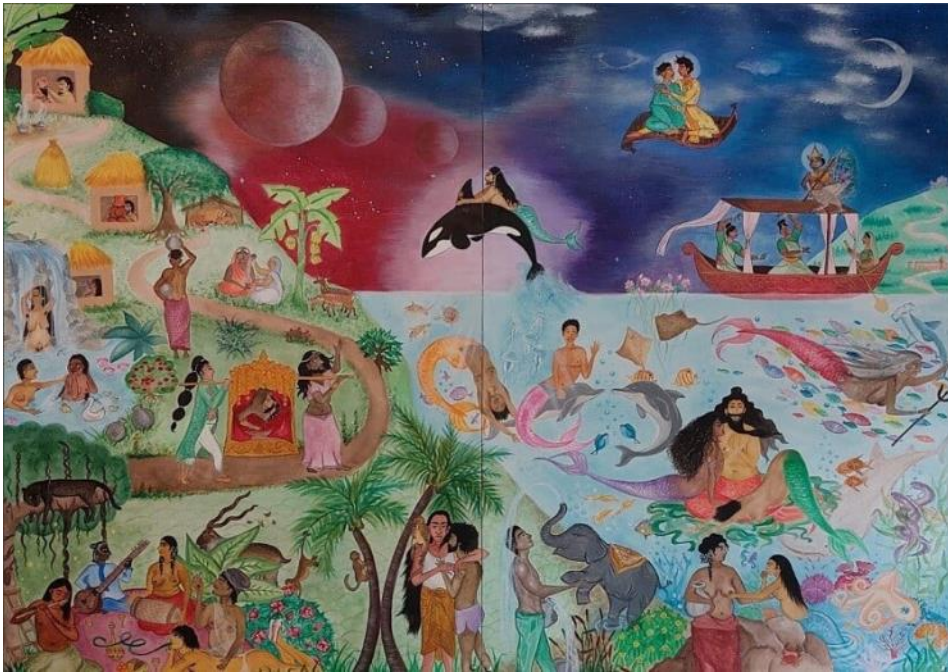
The report card offers recommendations for change, in terms of specialist roles, prevention and specialist violence training for services that moves beyond Rainbow 101. Over the last year alone, we have trained more than 40 agencies to be safer for Takatāpui and Rainbow whānau seeking help after violence.

Rainbow media outlet [Your Ex covered the report card release](#), with commentary from Hohou Te Rongo Kahukura’s Hamie Munroe and Sandra Dickson.



NEW RESOURCE: Our Histories Are Queer

Reviewed by Swathi, Kairuruku at Hohou Te Rongo Kahukura



[Adhikaar Aotearoa](#) is a community organisation dedicated to supporting, educating, and advocating for queer people of colour in Aotearoa. They have recently released an invaluable resource, highlighting the rich and vibrant existence of queer communities in pre-colonial South Asia through the lens of language, literature, religion, poetry, and places of worship.

[Our Histories Are Queer](#) captures diverse queer identities across Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. Readers are invited to envision how these communities thrived before colonial influences imposed rigid binaries. This resource transcends artificial boundaries, offering a broader understanding of humanity and its complexities.

For those within the South Asian community who may regard queer identities as “Western” or “modern,” this resource serves as a powerful counter-narrative. It provides a wealth of mythological stories and terminology from Hinduism, Jainism, and Buddhism, as well as insights from Urdu poetry. Additionally, it showcases the presence of queer individuals in languages such as Farsi, Bhutanese, Dhivehi, Nepali, Sinhalese, and Tamil.

These narratives belong to queer communities of colour so [Our Histories Are Queer](#) is a crucial resource and should not be missed!

NEW RESEARCH: ASEXUAL LIVED EXPERIENCES SURVEY

[“I don’t know if this counts but...”](#) is a comprehensive report from Kate Wood from Australian based [Ace & Aro Collective](#). It details responses from 1600 people around the world responding to the Asexual Lived Experiences Survey 2021.

The survey asked about microaggressions, religious discrimination and abuse, healthcare experiences, partner violence, sexual violence and physical violence and threats.

You can [listen to researcher Kate Wood](#) discuss the research here. More than one third of respondents had experienced partner violence, nearly always from non-aseual-aromantic partners, and 88% of those who experienced partner violence had experienced one or more forms of sexual violence. Wood concluded that when asexual-aromantic people experience intimate partner violence, sexual coercion, assault and violence are frequently an element of the relationship.

FINALLY: OUR SUBMISSIONS ONLINE

We have begun releasing our submissions in [Rauemi/Resources](#) on our website, including for The Law Commission's review of [human rights protections for trans, non-binary and intersex people](#) and the [Oranga Tamariki \(Repeal of Section 7AA\) Amendment Bill](#), for which Raukawa Newton and Bex Fraser also provided an oral submission on our behalf. Get your geek on over summer by learning more about Takatāpui and Rainbow communities and violence!

For Hohou Te Rongo Kahukura, this year has highlighted the strength of community, the value of resilience, and the importance of meaningful connections.

To everyone who has been part of this journey, whether through your support, collaboration, or the sharing of your story, we extend our heartfelt thanks. We look forward to continuing this journey together in the year ahead.

If you have material you would like us to profile in our next newsletter, please get in touch with newsletter@kahukura.co.nz.

Ngā mihi,

Kathleen Miller and Maki Rodriguez, co-chairs of Hohou Te Rongo Kahukura.