



## Haere mai to our first Outing Violence newsletter for 2025!

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

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[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.

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### Hatred is intolerable



Credit Emma Cook. You can find more of Emma's work here: <https://bento.me/creativeelc>

The year has begun with attacks towards Takatāpui and Rainbow communities, including at [Auckland](#), [Christchurch](#) and [Wellington Pride](#) – with the recurring theme of calling us ‘pedophiles’ or ‘groomers’ to attack drag performers, trans people and anyone in the public eye. Our community responses have been defiant and celebratory, with most pride events continuing, and increased safety planning for pride in other cities. There’s also been wide-ranging expressions of support for us, including from [churches](#).

We have been busy supporting safety planning, as we hear from community members who are being harassed, spat at, denied service, threatened and assaulted.

Discrimination and violence from outside our communities also makes violence *within* our communities more challenging. When we are under attack like this, we are confronted with painful and damaging ideas about us - both in our relationships and communities. Recent healthcare consultations which [question the use of puberty blockers](#) – but only for trans and non-binary young people – do not leave our communities feeling like the state has our back. Ripples of misinformation flow through our wider communities, making families, workplaces, sports, healthcare and everywhere else we go more hostile. But we also find it much harder to ask for help – and sometimes those causing harm will even deliberately use this as a coercive tactic ‘no one is going to believe you’ or even ‘you can’t talk about this, you’ll let the whole community down.’

All of which makes the long-awaited release of the [Counting Ourselves 2022 survey results](#) more relevant. While the survey predates the 2023 visit of anti-trans activist Posie Parker and other more recent events, Counting Ourselves 2022 fills gaps in state administrative data, including in terms of violence. In 2022, one in five trans and non-binary people received **threats** of physical violence because they were trans; one in ten had faced **attempts** at physical violence, and 8% experienced **deliberate physical violence** because they were trans. Meanwhile, bisexual people continue to top victimisation rates for sexual assault and family violence in the [NZ Crime and Victimisation survey results](#).

To quote [Te Aorerekura](#): “**Discrimination and stigma are drivers of violence towards LGBTQIA+ people – at home, at school and in the community.**” We want to see government support for our communities as we wrestle with the impacts of far-right misinformation and violence.

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## TINO MĪHARO: TAKATĀPUI & RAINBOW SUPPORT SERVICE UPDATE

Our [sensitive claims service for Takatāpui and Rainbow survivors](#) opened in December 2024 as expected – the first such service in Aotearoa!

We’re seeing four new Takatāpui and Rainbow kiritaki (clients) every week based solely on word-of-mouth and expect this to grow when we begin to actively promote our service. So far:



- 56% are aged 21-30 years, and 26% aged 31-40 years
- 44% are bisexual/pansexual/fluid, and 15% lesbian
- 47% are Pākehā, and 29% Māori
- 56% are binary genders (including trans people), and 44% are non-binary

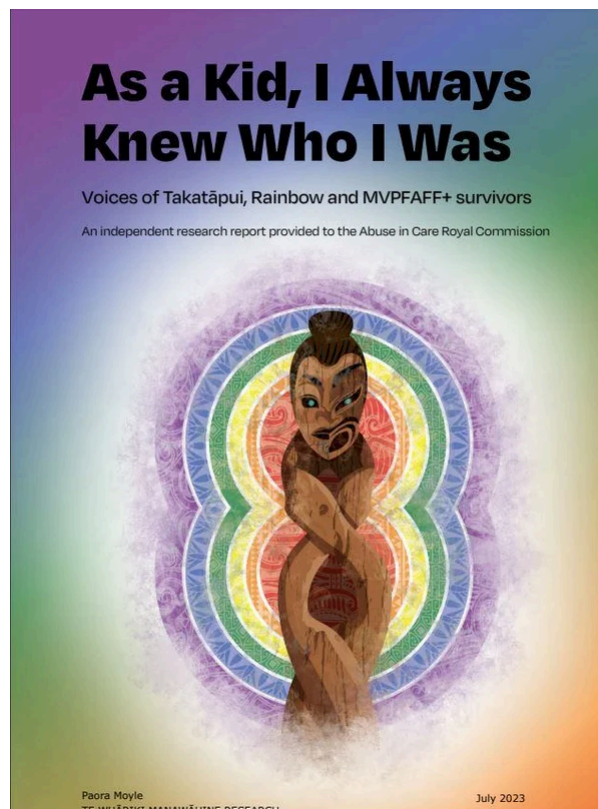
We had a great piece of feedback from one of our therapists, who told us that they had been asked all the questions in our [He Awhina Mou/Need Help](#) resource, by someone wanting to make sure they were safe. This is exactly what that resource is for!

We're currently actively seeking more therapists and social workers to join our 30 existing providers to extend our ability to respond to survivors, partners and whānau. 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](#).

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## MORE FOLLOW UP ON ROYAL COMMISSION INQUIRY



Last newsletter, we profiled the findings from the Royal Commission Abuse in Care Inquiry, particularly in relation to Takatāpui and Rainbow survivors. 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 the independent research report from survivor advocate and researcher Paora Moyle.

You can read Paora's report here: [As A Kid, I Always Knew Who I Was.](#)

Hohou Te Rongo Kahukura's Sandra Dickson had a kōrero with Paora about the fight for the Royal Commission; what these findings mean to the many survivors of state and faith-based abuse; and what next. You can listen to the kōrero [here](#).

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, and we're grateful to Paora Moyle and other survivors who have outed these forms of violence.

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### **NEW RESOURCE: Rainbow Easy Read**

Congratulations to [People First NZ Ngā Tāngata Tuatahi](#), who have created eight Easy Read booklets for and about Rainbow communities, covering topics like coming out, identities, your rights and supporting Rainbow friends and whānau.

Easy Read uses simplified language supported by images. It is designed for people with learning disabilities, but the project team believe the booklets may be a useful source of information that is easy to understand for other communities too.

The Rainbow Easy Read documents are available for free download here:

<https://linktr.ee/rainboweasyread>



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## COMMUNITY SUPPORT: INDIAN ORIGIN PRIDE

Indian Origin Pride New Zealand (IOPNZ) launched in 2022 by a small group of rainbow Indians in New Zealand. Emerging from the Wellington Indian Pride group, which was founded in 2020, IOPNZ was created to address the unique challenges faced by Rainbow individuals within the Indian community. As a minority within a minority, navigating cultural expectations alongside gender and sexual identity can be particularly complex. IOPNZ is dedicated to fostering understanding, acceptance, and empowerment through education, peer support, and community engagement. They also strive to increase visibility and representation by participating in rainbow and Indian public events with pride.

IOPNZ embraces the importance of expressing one's full identity—ethnic, cultural, sexual, and gender. In May 2023, they launched Aotearoa's first peer support programme specifically for Rainbow Indians, facilitated by trained members of the community. This initiative extends support not only to Rainbow individuals but also to their families, helping them navigate conversations around coming out, family dynamics, workplace inclusion, and cultural identity. By fostering safe spaces and meaningful dialogue, IOPNZ works towards a more inclusive and accepting future. To connect or learn more, visit their active Facebook page: [Indian Origin Pride NZ](#).





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## **INTRODUCING.....Our whaanau worker Kahukura!**

In February 2023, we were awarded an Integrated Service Response (ISR) contract by NZ police in the Waikato – the first and only time a role has been focused specifically on Takatāpui and Rainbow people experiencing family violence. We were extraordinarily lucky to find and recruit Kahukura (they/them) for this role. Kahukura (Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Tahu-Ngāti Whaoa, Ngāti Kahungunu) has over 15 years of experience working in community led development, arts, mental health, and advocacy. We asked Kahukura some questions:

### **Can you give us a brief about your role?**

*I am a crisis intervention key worker. So when someone has a family harm incident in the community and there's a police call out, I get allocated their case if they are identified as part of Takataapui and Rainbow communities. Then I go in and assess their needs and do a warm handover. So I make sure that the referrals that I'm doing or the services that I'm introducing our clients to are competent and if they're not, then I help them be competent for the people we support. I can also support people through police statements, court processes, or going to lawyers and getting a protection order.*

### **What attracts you to this work?**

*I have a big passion for our community and I am very, very passionate about violence prevention. By assessing their needs, making sure they are in the right services, we increase their chances of reducing the harm and moving to a safer, healthier place. I also really believe in doing whatever you can to kind of keep your side of the street clean. So this work work for me is something that I really value.*

### **What do you like about working for Hohou Te Rongo Kahukura?**

*Hohou Te Rongo Kahukura has been on my radar for several years and I was always like I'm gonna work there. I really loved the research that they put out and how the research is led by survivors. Our methodologies are informed by the research by the community and it is well thought out and works. I love the ethos and I also really just enjoy my colleagues. It is a really beautiful place to work. I remember that when I came into the job interview, I wore my binder for the first time. At the end of the interview I said "I just want to thank you because even if I don't get the job, this is the first job I've ever gotten to wear a binder". It made me cry, I was so happy. So I really like working here because it makes me feel like I can be myself and that myself is valuable.*

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## NEW RESEARCH: NZCVS - LGBTQ+ research

The New Zealand Crime and Victims survey (NZCVS) collects data on experiences of crime, allowing us to measure differences between population groups. This is particularly helpful for Takatāpui and Rainbow communities, who are often invisible in administrative data, because sexuality and gender identity are rarely asked about or recorded, making violence towards us less visible.

A recent AUT study, [The burden of crime victimisation among the LGBTQ+ population in Aotearoa](#) examines NZCVS data from 2018-2022 and controls for socio-demographic factors to estimate victimisation risks for LGBTQ+ people compared to non-LGBTQ+ people.



Almost half of LGBTQ+ respondents (46%) reported being a victim of at least one crime in the previous year, compared to a third of non-LGBTQ+ people (31%). Members of the LGBTQ+ community were also much more likely to be a victim of crime more than once. Approximately 22% of LGBTQ+ individuals experienced more than one victimisation in the previous year, compared with 11% of non-LGBTQ+ individuals. The researchers conclude that two groups stood out: bisexual people and trans and non-binary people.

LGBTQ+ individuals were also more likely to report significant negative impacts, including physical injuries and time off work. Geographic variations exist, with slightly smaller victimization disparities in Auckland and Wellington compared to the rest of the country.

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## FINALLY: LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES - OUR SUBMISSIONS AND TRAINING

We have continued to be busy on the submissions front, available from the [Rauemi/Resources](#) section on our website. Since our last newsletter, we have submitted on the [Treaty Principles Bill](#); to support amendments for the [Victims of Sexual Violence Strengthening Legal Protections Bill](#); and the [Anti-Stalking Bill](#). As always, our submissions are grounded in our violence prevention and response work, as well as direct survivor feedback. Learn more about Takatāpui and Rainbow communities and violence via our submissions, or check out our [Training/Koha atu, koha mai](#) options – we have online and in-person training available, aligned with Te Aorerekura.

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Hohou Te Rongo Kahukura have started this year the same way we finished 2024 - grateful to our many connections and collaborations seeking to end all forms of violence towards Takatāpui and Rainbow folks. We're also grateful to the many volunteers, past and present, who work with us in all our mahi, and to the survivors we hear from, who guide us, always.

If you have material you would like us to profile in our next newsletter, please get in touch with [newsletter@kahukura.co.nz](mailto:newsletter@kahukura.co.nz).

Ngā mihi mahana,

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