

NZEIPS Training Forum 2025

Call for Abstracts



Tūhonotanga: Strengthening Connections for Inclusive Psychosis Care

Tūranga Library, Ōtautahi Christchurch

13-15th October 2025

The New Zealand Early Intervention in Psychosis Society (NZEIPS) invites abstract submissions for our 2025 Training Forum, which will bring together clinicians, researchers, people with lived experience, and whānau to explore innovative, equitable, and culturally responsive approaches to psychosis care.

The theme of the conference, **Tūhonotanga: Strengthening Connections for Inclusive Psychosis Care**, reflects our commitment to addressing disparities in mental health access, supporting diverse communities, and fostering collaborative, person-centred approaches to care. We welcome submissions that contribute to this kaupapa, from those working in EIP and in broader spaces who can offer fresh perspectives.

We invite abstracts for:

- **Oral Presentations** – 20-minute presentations showcasing research, clinical practice, innovative service models, or lived experience perspectives.
- **Extended Presentations** – 45- to 60-minute session offering a deeper exploration of a topic highly relevant to the conference theme. This format allows for a more in-depth discussion, practical application, or interactive engagement with attendees.
- **Panel Discussions** – 45- to 60-minute facilitated discussions featuring multiple perspectives on key topics.
- **Workshops** – Interactive 45- to 90-minute sessions focused on skill-building, clinical tools, or culturally responsive approaches. These sessions should engage participants through practical learning, discussion, or hands-on activities.
- **Creative Contributions** – Art, music, poetry, performance, film, and storytelling that explore themes of psychosis, recovery, identity, and wellbeing. These can be standalone presentations or interactive sessions.
- **Poster Presentations** – Research, service development, and lived experience perspectives presented in a visual format.

Submission Guidelines:

Abstracts should be no more than 300 words and include:

- Title of presentation/poster/workshop/panel discussion
- Names and affiliations of presenters
- Preferred presentation format (oral, extended, panel, workshop, creative, or poster)
- A brief summary of how the presentation aligns with the conference themes (see next page)

Deadline for submissions: **10th May 2025** Email submissions to: nzeips@gmail.com

Key Themes:

- **Equity & Access** – Addressing health disparities, systemic barriers, and inclusive models of care for those experiencing or at risk of developing psychosis.
- **Cultural Responsiveness** – Te Ao Māori approaches, working with Māori and Pasifika communities, and fostering culturally responsive practice in EIP, including engagement with diverse ethnic, migrant and refugee populations.
- **Whānau & Community Partnerships** – Co-design, lived experience perspectives, and family-inclusive care.
- **Trauma-Informed & Strengths-Based Approaches** – Supporting recovery through holistic, person-centred, and empowering care.
- **Physical Health & Wellbeing** – Addressing physical health inequities and integrating ‘Equally Well’ principles to improve wellbeing.
- **Diversity & Inclusion** – Supporting neurodivergent individuals, addressing cognitive challenges, and working inclusively across diverse identities and communities.
- **Innovative Early Intervention Models & Approaches** – Emerging research, digital interventions, and international perspectives to enhance EIP practice.

Who Should Submit?

Clinicians & Researchers – Those working in the EIP space or with experience and interest in psychosis, youth mental health, inclusion and diversity.

People with Lived Experience – Tangata whaiora, whānau, peer support workers, and community advocates.

NGO Workers and Community Organisations – Staff and teams from NGOs supporting people experiences psychosis, providing community-based mental health services, or advocating for equity and inclusion.

Service Designers & Policymakers – Those working on system transformation and service delivery models.

Creative & Expressive Contributors – Artists, musicians, and storytellers contributing to wellbeing through creative expression.

We encourage first-time presenters, lived experience contributions, and collaborative presentations. If you're unsure whether your idea fits, reach out – we'd love to hear from you!

Ngā mihi nui, and we look forward to your submissions!

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“Whangia ka tupu, ka puawai: That which is nurtured, blossoms and grows”