

NOA NEWS

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WARM PACIFIC GREETINGS!

Welcome to Issue #4 of NOA News!
In this edition, we share the latest updates from across the NOA Village of Learning.
Thank you for being part of our journey as we continue to create meaningful learning opportunities for RSE workers across New Zealand.



Samoan & Vanuatu RSE, Pick HB, Hawkes Bay

UPDATE

We are 12 months into course delivery for the NOA Village of Learning programme.

Since we started delivering courses in June 2025, we have delivered training to over 2000 RSE workers in the 6 regions:
Auckland/Northland, Bay of Plenty, Hawke's Bay, Marlborough Blenheim, Nelson-Tasman and Central Otago.

We have recently introduced 2 new Mānava courses. Money Mastery and Toutai (small business). These courses are very popular.



Vanuatu RSE, Punchbowl, Pukekohe



Tongan RSE, T&G, Northland



Vanuatu RSE, Punchbowl, Northland



Fiji RSE, Trinitylands, Bay of Plenty



Kiribati RSE, Mr Apple, Hawkes Bay

NOA Team

Meet the team behind NOA Course Delivery. Shelley Oliver, our Program Delivery Manager is responsible for the National delivery & implementation of courses. She coordinates delivery across Central Otago, Nelson Tasman, Marlborough Blenheim, and Hawke's Bay.

Marateina Fameitau, our Operations Navigator Lead, oversees courses delivery for Bay of Plenty and Auckland/Northland.

Shelley and Marateina work alongside employers to plan and schedule training that fits around operational requirements while ensuring workers have access to valuable learning opportunities. Together, they will work with employers to determine the most suitable course, delivery venue, dates, and times.

Their collaborative approach ensures every course is well planned and provides a positive learning experience for all involved.



Left: Shelley Oliver Right: Marateina Fameitau

Strengthening Relationships



The NOA team with Frescho team Kay and James

The NOA team recently had the pleasure of visiting The Fresh Fruit Company in Whakatu, one of our valued employer partners and a strong supporter of the NOA programme. To date, more than 200 RSE workers from The Fresh Fruit Company have participated in NOA courses.

Our visit provided a great opportunity to connect with the Freshco team, strengthen our partnership, and gain a greater understanding of the day-to-day work undertaken by the RSE workers who are participating in NOA courses.

We sincerely thank Kay, James and the team at The Fresh Fruit Company for their warm hospitality and ongoing partnership. We look forward to continuing to work together to support RSE workers through meaningful learning opportunities that create lasting benefits when they return home to the Pacific.

Toutai (Small Business) Mānava Course

Toutai Small Business course helps learners understand key concepts like revenue, profit, break-even points, planning, and financial risks. Through simple activities and real-life scenarios, learners build practical skills they can use to start or support a small business when they return home, helping them reintegrate with confidence.



Tongan RSE, Kono, Nelson



Vanuatu RSE, Freshco, Hawkes Bay



Vanuatu RSE, Kainui Park & Cool, Northland

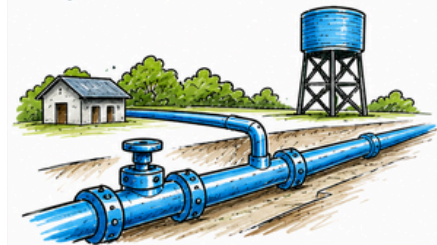
Look out for upcoming courses

WELDING COURSE



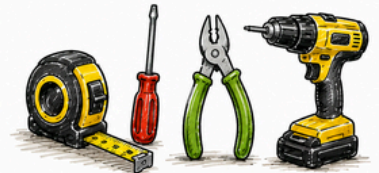
Gain practical, hands-on skills in the fundamentals of welding. This course introduces learners to basic welding techniques, workplace health and safety, correct use of welding equipment, and essential metal preparation. Participants will build confidence through practical activities while developing skills that can be applied in a range of trade and maintenance settings.

WATER RETICULATION



Learn the basics of installing, repairing, and maintaining water supply systems. Gain practical skills that can help improve access to clean and reliable water in your community.

SMALL TOOLS



Learn how to safely use and maintain common hand and power tools. Gain practical skills that can be applied to home projects and community work.

Employers keen to get workers on a course



NOA Village of Learning



<https://www.eit.ac.nz/subject-areas/rse-training/>



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Scan the QR code below to complete the expressions of interest form





NOA FACILITATORS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

On the 25th and 26th of June, we welcomed 16 NOA facilitators to EIT Hawke's Bay for two days of professional development and collaboration.

The training provided a valuable opportunity for facilitators to connect with one another, share experiences, and strengthen the relationships that are important to the success of the NOA programme. Bringing our facilitators together allowed them to exchange ideas, celebrate successes, and learn from each other's experiences delivering training to RSE workers across the country.

The training was facilitated by Adult Education pedagogy experts Deb Stewart and Scott Casley from EIT's Education Development Centre (EDC). Their expertise in Adult Education and effective teaching practices equips our facilitators with practical tools and fresh approaches to enhance learner engagement and deliver high-quality training experiences.

The two days were filled with learning, collaboration, and reflection, leaving our facilitators feeling refreshed, inspired, and well equipped as they continue delivering NOA courses throughout New Zealand.

The NOA Village of Learning is committed to investing in the ongoing professional development of our facilitators, ensuring they continue to deliver engaging, meaningful, and high-quality learning experiences that empower RSE workers while they are in New Zealand and, most importantly, equip them with skills and knowledge they can take home to benefit their families and communities.