

MĀTAURANGA MĀORI SEXUALITY EDUCATION SUCCESS

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Sexuality education derived from Indigenous Knowledge is the right of all Indigenous peoples and supported by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. With regard to Māori, the right derives from the Treaty of Waitangi. A key obstacle to actioning these rights is colonisation and its intersection with Western constructs of sexuality and racism in the health and education systems. A project is currently underway in Aotearoa to bring Māori knowledge-derived sexuality education programmes and resources into schools and community settings. My presentation outlines the benefits of Māori knowledge-derived sexuality education for Māori students and communities. Key project findings will be shared, including successful strategies and challenges experienced as part of rolling out the project in underfunded health and education sectors in Aotearoa.