

Do-Labs 2026/2027

#	Title	Purpose / Why	What it will do
1	Building Public Trust Through Better Communication	To strengthen trust between organisations and the communities they serve, particularly where relationships have been damaged or misunderstood.	Explore how organisations can better understand what people value, communicate positive outcomes, acknowledge broken trust and use values-based approaches to rebuild relationships.
2	Treaty-Led Multiculturalism	To make Aotearoa's bicultural foundation visible and meaningful within an increasingly multicultural society.	Develop practical ways for multicultural communities and events to engage with Te Tiriti, Te Ao Māori, mana whenua, stories of place and reciprocal relationships.
3	Authentic Youth Participation	To move beyond simply engaging young people towards genuinely sharing power with them.	Create opportunities for young people to teach, mentor and influence older leaders, particularly around contemporary youth culture, communication, social media and AI.
4	Queer Inclusion, Neurodiversity & Mental Health	To create environments where people with diverse identities, minds and experiences can genuinely belong and feel safe.	Bring spiritual and faith-care providers together with people who have experienced exclusion to explore more affirming practices, with potential follow-up workshops and shared resources.
5	From Diversity to Belonging	To move beyond celebrating difference towards creating genuine belonging, reciprocal relationships and spaces where people can bring their whole selves.	Explore how leaders and communities can create safer spaces, strengthen cross-cultural connection and whanaungatanga, and make room for multiple expressions of identity.
6	Active Communities, Healthy People	To explore how communities can become more physically active as a pathway to improved health and wellbeing.	Investigate opportunities with Christchurch City Council recreation and community initiatives to make it easier and more appealing for people to be active.
7	Power Sharing in School Governance	To explore how school governance can share power more equitably with tangata whenua and potentially other communities.	Investigate dual-board and other governance models, learn from schools already exploring this approach, and consider how power-sharing can work while recognising the cultural responsibilities involved.
8	Slow Productivity + Love as Systems Change	To challenge growth- and productivity-obsessed approaches by putting wellbeing, relationships, self-awareness and healthy boundaries at the centre of leadership.	Develop practical experiences and tools—such as retreats, workshops and wellbeing resources—that help leaders slow down, understand themselves and work from a more resourced place.
9	Bridges Through Food	To use food, shared experiences and food rescue as ways to build social connection, inclusion and empowerment across diverse communities.	Connect organisations, businesses and communities through shared meals, food stories, workshops and pilot initiatives that turn rescued food into opportunities for connection.
10	Critical Thinking, Democracy & Voting	To strengthen civic education and enable people from different communities to participate more meaningfully in democracy.	Map existing civic information and gaps, understand what people need, and explore ways to make information about government, democracy and voting more accessible.
11	Diverse Voices, Shared Decision-Making	To ensure people most affected by inequity have genuine influence over decisions and the design of systems that affect them.	Identify whose voices are missing, build their capacity and connections, and explore practical approaches to power-sharing and collective influence.
12	Building Community Connections & Resilience	To strengthen connections between individuals, communities, organisations and networks so communities are better connected in everyday life and during emergencies.	Map existing community organisations and networks, identify gaps and missing voices, and develop a connected directory/network that can support both everyday collaboration and civil-defence response.