

LEADR NZ pilots mediation service with Waitakere Community Law Centre

“By far the best proof is experience.”

Sir Francis Bacon

English author, courtier, & philosopher (1561 - 1626)

LEADR NZ is to provide a panel of members to the Waitakere Community Law Centre (WCLC) as part of a pilot mediation service. WCLC will then refer disputes, which meet agreed criteria, to a member of this panel for mediation.

LEADR NZ anticipates that the panel will primarily be made up of newly or recently accredited mediators who wish to gain experience. These mediators will provide their services for free (although some expenses may be met).

“As part of the process, we will be looking at feedback and evaluation options for the mediations to ensure those taking part gain the maximum learning from the experience,” said Gabrielle O’Brien, CEO of LEADR NZ.

“There has been keen interest in this proposal from Auckland members.

“Our intention is that this pilot will enable us to develop a working model which can be applied or adapted in other regions.”

“We have already had interest from several other areas,” said Gabrielle.

Thanks to Anet Kate and Carol Powell, Auckland members, who have been the key LEADR instigators for this pilot.