

Being Together

A collection of thoughts...

I really enjoyed the trip down to Wellington. Marae atmosphere was mind blowing. I enjoyed the fact that everyone was equal and joined in to make the whole event enjoyable.

Alan

Being together with people from familiar backgrounds,
An understanding no words can describe,
Reflecting on where I am on my journey to recover (time out)
A chance to "just be"; no pressures of society for a few days.

Anon

My time at the Pathways National Hui at Tapu Te Ranga Marae...It was amazing to see a four storey marae, made out of drift wood and how it was set out. How the marae came to be on just a dream. It was really amazing, meeting Bruce Stewart and the things he spoke about. It was awesome knowing the cooks and how hard they worked in the kitchen to please their guests. The food was marvellous and I really enjoyed the three days we spent there. Day two was the most enjoyable, everybody interacted with a game of volleyball and I had fun kayaking. My first time in Wellington was an experience I will never forget. All the best to all who participated and thank you to the staff for being so dedicated until we meet again
..... next time

Service User, Auckland

I played volleyball, rugby, cricket and found it fun. I met Andrew playing sport and have texted him. I remember the meals being real nice and sleeping in a room with everybody else. I went for a group walk with Cara. There were heaps of talks about the Marae and how it started. It was pretty good. It was good talking to Tamai. I found the marae interesting.

Ben

I found the hui was awesome and so much fun. The food was delicious; the drinks of coffee were massive. I enjoyed the boat cruise, which was exciting! The sleeping was magnificent, the showers were awesome and the breakfast and lunch were superb.

Hayden, Wellington

The second night and day Hans, Joseph and Hayden went on the boat ride. I missed out so instead I went rock climbing then to Te Papa. The first day was alright, I enjoyed the Powhiri. I liked the old fella with the white beard. The first night there the kai we had was awesome. Tihei mauri ora."

Charlie

