



## HOW WE WORK

We get together on a regular basis for evening meetings and a kai to plan our projects. While our style of work makes us an action group, the people involved also find the group to offer a sense of support and community.

### Upcoming projects include:

- Brain injury and parenting
- Healing with horses
- Wānanga 2016

## GETTING INVOLVED

If you think you would like to be part of this project and work to improve the lives of whānau, then get in touch and come and join us.

 Find us on Facebook Groups **Brain Injury Whanau Action Project** and ask to join.

### Thanks to our supporters:



Educating and strengthening the community to improve the lives of whānau with brain injury.



The Brain Injury Whānau Action Project was formed with local community members in partnership with AUT University and Headway: Brain Injury Association of Auckland.

## VISION

To contribute to individuals and whānau of people with brain injury to be better able to live their lives in the ways they have reason to value.

## VALUES

- Inclusiveness
- Action
- Valuing health
  - Hinengaro (mind/brain)
  - Tinana (body)
  - Wairua (spirit)
  - Whakawhānaungatanga (connections with people)
  - Whenua (the land)
- Working supportively and collaboratively with other brain injury support organisations
- Upholding the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi



## GOALS

- Influencing policy
- Being a voice of whānau
- Spreading education information to whānau
- Increasing understanding and awareness of the effects of brain injury on whānau amongst health professionals and other groups who interact with whānau e.g. GPs, WINZ, ACC and schools.
- Sustainable funding

**Our Mission: Educating and strengthening the community to improve the lives of whānau with brain injury.**

## RECENT PROJECTS:

### Weraroa Wānanga 2015

BIWAP was welcomed to Weraroa Marae on the 29th - 30th August to run a weekend wānanga. It was attended by 19 families.

In total we had 95 participants, of whom 15 were there because of their own brain injury and 38 of the participants were young people under the age of 18.

Nine speakers shared their knowledge with our whānau. Through this training, families were able to learn together, build connections with other families, and have fun together.

### Whatever It Takes training

BIWAP sent 10 whanau participants to this 4-day comprehensive brain injury rehabilitation training course run by Professor Barry Willer and Associate Professor Duncan Babbage.

This was achieved through the sponsorship of a range of rehabilitation and support providers.