

Celebrating 25 Years of Impact: Kataraina Godfery's Contributions to Kāhui Tautoko Consulting

As Kāhui Tautoko Consulting celebrates 25 years of impact, the organisation is shining a light on one of its consultants, Kataraina Godfery, whose mahi is already making waves across Indigenous communities in Canada.

With whakapapa to Ngāti Awa and connections to Lalomanu, Samoa, Kataraina brings both depth and diversity to her work. Growing up in Kawerau, she was surrounded by resilience and generosity — values that now underpin her approach to empowering vulnerable whānau through initiatives like Whānau Ora.

Joining Kāhui Tautoko in late 2023, Kataraina says she was drawn to the organisation's kaupapa and people. "Meeting Mara Andrews and learning about the whānau-oriented values of Kāhui Tautoko inspired me. The chance to be part of a team dedicated to Indigenous development and to work among diverse Indigenous cultures was irresistible."



Since then, Kataraina has played a key role in projects including the Indigenous Patients Feedback Pathway for the Fraser Health Authority and the Health Director Guidebooks for the First Nations Health Authority. Each project reflects her belief in the power of Indigenous-led solutions and genuine community engagement to create meaningful change.

Her commitment goes beyond the professional sphere. Grounded in cultural practice and community service, Kataraina continues to uphold Māori traditions while embracing opportunities to work alongside First Nations in Canada.

As Kāhui Tautoko marks its 25-year journey, Kataraina's story highlights the organisation's enduring mission: strengthening Indigenous leadership, building community-driven solutions, and weaving connections across Aotearoa, Canada, and Hawai'i.