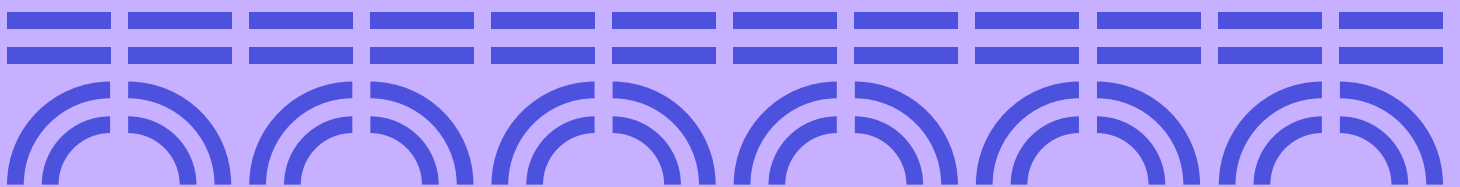




INSPIRE THE NEXT GENERATION OF *TECH TALENT*





Nau mai, haere mai

We want to make it easy for you to share your knowledge and passion for the tech sector with the next generation of thinkers, innovators and leaders. Browse the following pages to see the organisations working with your future talent and the opportunities for you to help grow and inspire the youth of Ōtautahi Christchurch.

Overview of opportunities

	Tech Women NZ's Shadow Tech	Canterbury Tech Mentor Programme	Code Club Aotearoa	Inspiring the Future Aotearoa	Kiwibots	Ōtautahi Outreach	Pūhoro STEMM	Recycle a Device	Tagata Moana Trust	Te Hāpori Matihiko
Mentoring / role models	●	●		●	●	●	●		●	●
Sharing your story: speaking or interviews	●	●				●	●		●	●
Hosting student online/in-person	●		●	●		●	●	●	●	●
Donating materials								●	●	
Sponsorship	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●
Volunteering	●	●	●		●		●		●	●

Note: this is an overview of the opportunities each organisation would most like to work with you on, but it's not an exhaustive list – if you've got an idea drop them a line, they'd be more than happy to chat, contact details are on the following pages.



Meet the providers

Find out more about the organisations who connect with both the tech sector and young people every day.



Canterbury Tech Mentor Programme

Mentoring programmes for professionals to help grow world-class talent for the local sector.

Canterbury Tech's Mentor Programme is designed to foster the development of tech professionals through two main initiatives: Career Start and Mid-Career Mentor Programmes.

The Career Start Programme is aimed at students, recent graduates, international immigrants, and those either entering the tech field for the first time or transitioning into it.

The Mid-Career Programme targets professionals who are midway through their careers and looking to enhance their skills or make career changes.

Both programmes offer structured mentoring, including guidance, support, and networking opportunities over a 12-week period.

Ways you or your business can collaborate:

- Sponsorship
- Participating in activities
- Providing role models or speakers
- Providing venue support

Website:

www.canterburytech.nz/resources/mentor-programme

Contact:

mentorprogramme@canterburytech.nz



Code Club Aotearoa

Empowering young New Zealanders by teaching skills and fostering creativity.

Code Club teaches coding and digital skills to children aged 7-13, aiming to nurture future tech innovators. Through free, volunteer-led clubs, they provide hands-on coding sessions and engaging projects that build foundational tech skills and promote problem-solving.

Their programme, involving industry experts, seeks to bridge the digital divide by offering equitable access to technology education. Partnering with schools and libraries, Code Club Aotearoa reaches over 4,000 children each week, fostering digital literacy and creating pathways into tech careers.

Ways you or your business can collaborate:

- Sponsorship
- Participating in activities

Website:

www.codeclub.nz

Contact:

Kelsey Hallahan, Programme Manager at
Kelsey@dfa.nz





Inspiring the Future Aotearoa

Inspiring the Future Aotearoa connects young people with industry role models to broaden their career perspectives and challenge stereotypes.

Inspiring the Future Aotearoa targets school students aged 7+ with industry role models to broaden their career perspectives and challenge stereotypes. Their initiative targets school students and young people up to 24 who are not currently in education, employment, or training.

The organisation facilitates this connection by inviting professionals to participate in interactive career events. Role models engage with students through school visits or online sessions, sharing insights about their careers and the paths they took to reach their current positions. These events are designed to provide real-world perspectives and inspire students to consider a wide range of career possibilities.

Ways you or your business can collaborate:

- Signing up employees to become role models
- Hosting events at company sites for young people to give them insights into the industry.

Website:

www.inspiringthefuture.org.nz

Contact:

Dina Demiri at inspiringthefuture@tec.govt.nz

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Kiwibots

Kiwibots is a national charity providing robotics kits and resources to schools, libraries and clubs.

Kiwibots supports new entrants through to university age with opportunities to develop communication, collaboration and creativity skills in a fun way using STEAM. They run regular competitions and are invited to compete in the World Champs in the USA each year.

Website:
www.kiwibots.co.nz

Contact:
Michelle Hazeleger-Mollard at
contact@kiwibots.co.nz

Ways you or your business can collaborate:

- Participating in activities
- Providing role models or speakers
- Sponsorship

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Ōtautahi Outreach

Ōtautahi Outreach introduces curriculum structure, foundational tech skills, software, hardware and educational resources for teachers.

Ōtautahi Outreach enhances digital learning in Christchurch schools by integrating professional development (PD) for teachers into classroom activities. They focus on Years 1-8, particularly in schools with significant socioeconomic challenges, and work closely with teachers to align PD with school goals.

Their approach includes teaching tech skills, software, hardware, and providing educational resources.

By addressing digital skill gaps, they aim to equip both educators and students with essential tech skills, fostering a digitally skilled workforce and supporting New Zealand's tech future.

Ways you or your business can collaborate:

- Sponsorship
- Hosting students onsite
- School visits
- Providing role models or speakers

Website:

www.digitalfutureaotearoa.nz

Contact:

Kelsey Hallahan, Programme Manager at
Kelsey@dfa.nz



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Pūhoro STEMM

Pūhoro fosters a leading Māori STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Māori) community through a Māori worldview.

Pūhoro support rangatahi Māori from Year 11 and kura Māori nationally, with weekly school visits and termly wānanga (STEMM experience days).

Their programme aims to increase Māori participation and success in STEMM fields, providing industry experiences, mentoring, and tutoring. Pūhoro operates in ten regions, engaging over 2,500 rangatahi and collaborating with STEMM partners to offer scholarships, internships, and whānau events.

Ways you or your business can collaborate:

- Sponsorship
- Hosting students onsite
- Participating in activities
- Providing role models or speakers
- School visits

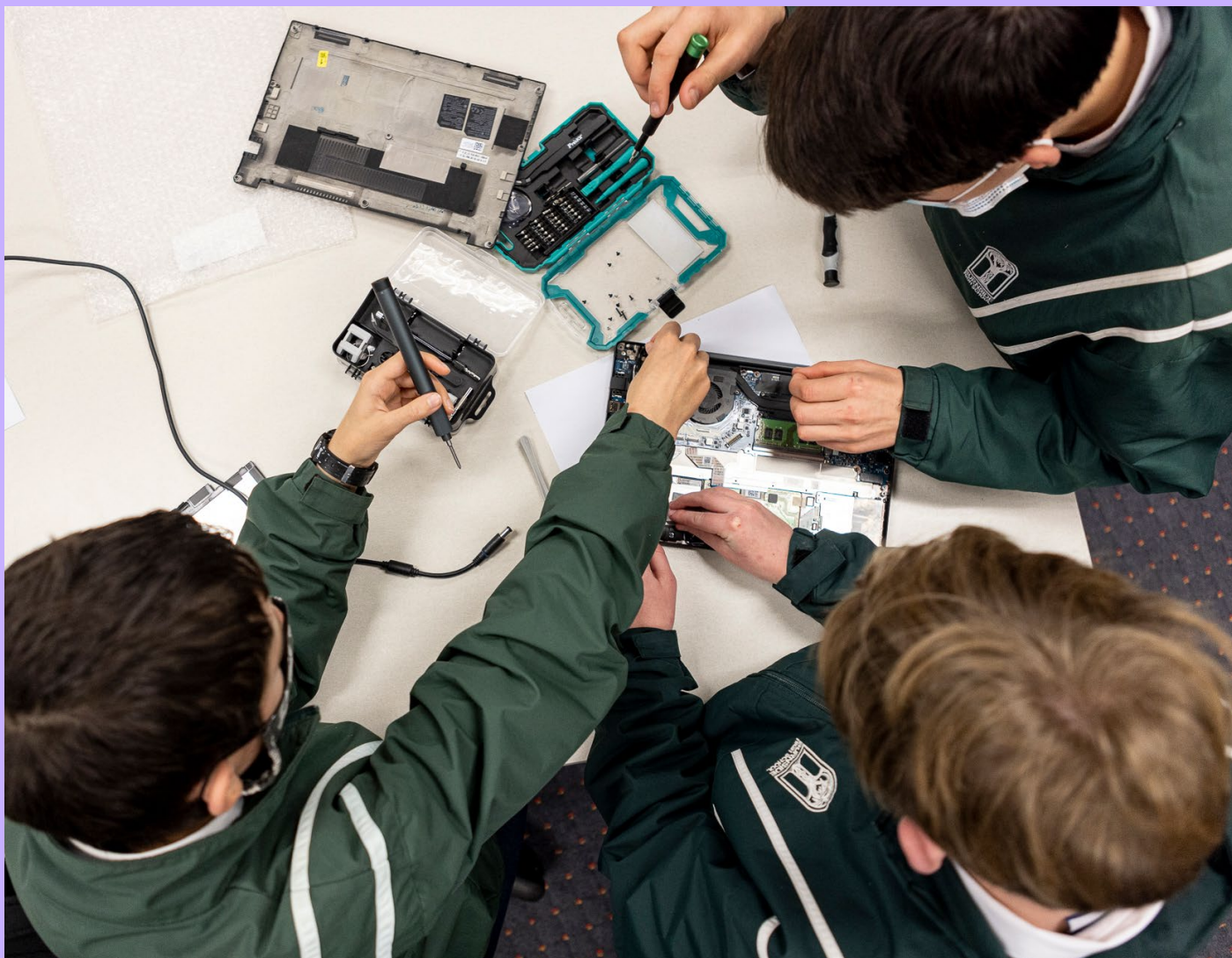
Website:

www.puhoro.org.nz

Contact:

Leland Ruwhiu or Mana Hourua at
Info@puhoro.org.nz





Recycle A Device (RAD)

RAD refurbishes laptops to provide digital access and support New Zealand's future tech workforce.

RAD focuses on Māori and Pasifika youth, low-income communities, and those lacking tech access. RAD partners with schools and community groups to offer refurbishment training and repair sessions, distributing the laptops to those in need.

Their mission is to bridge the digital divide, empower youth with tech skills, and contribute to sustainability by reducing e-waste and promoting digital inclusion.

Ways you or your business can collaborate:

- Donation of items
- Sponsorship
- Hosting students onsite

Website:
www.recycleadevice.nz

Contact:
Kelsey Hallahan, Programme
Manager at kelsey@dfa.nz



Tagata Moana Trust

Tagata Moana Trust supports Pacific children and youth, aged 5-18, by fostering their involvement in STEAM (Science, Technology, Arts, Engineering, and Mathematics)

Tagata Moana Trust offer in-school and after-school programmes, pathways events, mentoring, and operate a mobile Makerspace across the South Island.

Their goal is to address the underrepresentation of Pacific peoples in the tech sector, which is crucial for New Zealand's diverse and growing tech industry. Engaging over 20,000 Pacific individuals annually, they seek industry support to enhance their programmes and build a more inclusive tech workforce.

Ways you or your business can collaborate:

- Sponsorship
- Hosting students onsite
- Participating in activities
- Donation of items
- Providing role models or speakers
- School visits

Website:

www.tagatamoana.com

Contact:

Poasa Alaifea, Partnership lead at
Poasa@tagatamoana.com

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TechWomen ShadowTech

The ShadowTech programme aims to inspire high school girls to pursue tech careers and provide mentoring for women already in the tech industry.

ShadowTech Day pairs Year 9-11 students with local tech businesses, allowing them to experience a day in the tech world and explore potential career paths.

The programme, which runs annually in August, seeks to address the gender disparity in tech, where women make up only 29 per cent of the workforce and fewer girls consider tech careers compared to boys.

Ways you or your business can collaborate:

- Sponsorship
- Hosting students onsite
- Providing role models or speakers

Website:

www.techwomen.nz

Contact:

Yvonne Gill, Executive Director at
yvonne.gill@techalliance.nz



Te Hapori Matihiko

Te Hapori Matihiko supports Māori engagement in digital and tech by providing a variety of learning and networking opportunities.

Te Hapori Matihiko host online sessions, events, the Matihiko Awards, and pathway programmes to amplify Māori voices in the digital realm. Their activities include digital strategy workshops, marae resilience wānanga, youth gaming events, technology expos, and regional networking events.

They aim to foster equitable access, safeguard Māori culture, advocate for policy changes, and connect the Māori digitech community.

Ways you or your business can collaborate:

- Sponsorship
- Hosting students onsite
- Participating in activities
- Providing role models or speakers

Website:
www.matihiko.nz

Contact:
Maryanne Madden, Kaiāwhina
or Elle Archer, Executive Chair,
kiaora@matihiko.nz

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