

## Irene Walker

Ko Mauao, Otanewainuku, Puwhenua ngā maunga  
Ko Tauranga te moana  
Ko Takitumu, Mataatua ngā waka  
Ko Ngāiterangi, Ngati Ranginui, Ngati Pukenga, Waitaha ngā iwi  
Ko Ngāti He, Ngāi Te Ahi, Ngāti Tapu, Ngāi Tamarawaho ngā hapu  
Ko Rangiwhakaehu Irene Walker ahau

He mea nui o te ao? He Tangata He Tangata He Tangata!

It is the love for my people and the whakapapa between all living things that connect us, that is what is important to me, that true potential; we exist as human.

With that in focus, drawing strengths is a way to stimulate personal and group excellence. I seek to transform something strong into something superb. I am most happy and productive when I can work at an even and unhurried pace. This allows me to “see” people and their diverse backgrounds and know how they can maximise those strengths to work co-operatively together. I “see” the special talents they bring, maximising their strengths to work together to reach “superb” outcomes for all. I am intrigued by the unique qualities of each person, and how people with diversity can work together to achieve change for positive outcomes – love to work in that creative space!

- 30+ years in the Health Sector; tackling some major issues for Maori.
  - Western Iwi Health, now known as Te Manu Toroa - MH Advocate/Clinic Kaiarahi
  - Poutiri Trust, Te Puke - Contract Manager
  - Te Hotu Manawa Maori (Māori Heart Health) - National Auahi Kore – Te Whare Tangata, Smokefree Pregnancy Aukati Kai Paipa – Smoking Cessation
  - Te Ao Hou Trust (Kaupapa Maori, EBOP) - Regional Kia Piki te Ora (BOP) - Māori Suicide Prevention
- Studied at Waikato University – MBA  
However, the most important training was with Matauranga Māori, Te Ao Māori, Te Reo Māori, Tiriti o Waitangi

I look forward to work alongside you all to achieve our goals – karawhuia!

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