

Further Information

We welcome Expressions of Interest from women interested in joining us who believe they are the right match for this work.

Following this, we will invite formal applications from selected women.

Further information and an Expression of Interest form is available on our website.

The closing date for Expressions of Interest is:

Monday, 13 March 2017

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Wāhine Toa**

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Who Are We?

The Women's Self Defence Network - Wāhine Toa (WSDN-WT) believes that all women and girls have a fundamental right to live in safety from all forms of violence and abuse, including sexual violence, family violence, intimate partner violence and child abuse. Our vision is of a safe and respectful society where violence and abuse are not O.K.

We believe having women and girls equipped with the skills and attitudes of self defence constitutes a significant step towards such a society.

Significant new research shows how successful self defence courses for girls and women can be when taught by specialist trained and accredited female self-defence teachers with a clear empowerment approach. You can read the full report by independent researchers Assoc. Prof. Jan Jordan and Dr Elaine Mossman of Victoria University of Wellington from our website link:

<http://wsdn.org.nz/research>

Nau mai, haere mai
Kia ora, Talofa lava,
Malo e lelei, Kia orana
Ni sa bula vinaka, Taloha ni,
Fakaalofa lahi atu, Namaste,
Warm Pacific Greetings

**Are You Interested In
Teaching Self Defence
to Women and Girls?**



**Women's Self
Defence Network
Wāhine Toa**

New Teachers Wanted

The work of the Women's Self Defence Network - Wāhine Toa is the prevention and early intervention of all forms of violence and abuse against women and girls, including sexual violence, family violence, intimate partner violence and child abuse. We do this through empowerment-focused self defence courses for girls and women.

Expressions of Interest in training as a Self Defence Teacher are welcome from anywhere in Aotearoa, New Zealand.

Our training process is over a period of approximately 18 months and will involve:

- Observing courses
- Pre-selection weekend hui
- A 10 day residential training programme for teaching Years 7-8 girls' courses
- Co-teaching of Years 7-8 girls' courses with an accredited teacher
- Teacher accreditation
- A further residential training programme for teaching women's courses
- Becoming a fully accredited Self Defence Teacher with WSDN-WT, eligible for paid contracted teaching

Background Information

The Women's Self Defence Network - Wāhine Toa is a network of trained and accredited women teachers of self defence. The Network has been in existence since 1988 and is a non-profit membership-based organisation (as an Incorporated Society). Accordingly, an ongoing commitment to the network is expected of all members.

Participation in the network's six monthly national professional development hui and active membership of the network are required to maintain ongoing teacher accreditation, beyond the period of initial training.

Women's Self Defence Network - Wāhine Toa teachers are located throughout Aotearoa New Zealand.

Is This For You?

We would love to hear from any women who:

- believe strongly that women and girls have the right to respect and to live free of violence.
- have experience working with groups as a teacher or facilitator.
- are physically competent and well-coordinated.
- have an understanding of abuse and its effects.
- have an understanding of the Treaty of Waitangi and have a commitment to bicultural partnerships and cultural safety.
- have an understanding of heterosexism and homophobia.
- can offer a firm commitment of time to teaching, and
- have the capacity and resources to operate as an independent contractor.