

Meeting Notes from Tautoko Network Meeting

August 2023

PACE: Professional and Community Engagement Programme, University of Canterbury

Thanks to those who joined us to find out more about the University of Canterbury's PACE programme at this month's *Tautoko Network* session.

For those who couldn't make it, here's a few points of interest:

- Who are the students involved? The students have all done at least one year's study already;
- Why consider getting involved with this programme? For the organisation - to get a project done! For the students, it's a chance to work alongside an organisation, pick up 'soft skills' - such as resilience, team work, communication, confidence; workplace experience;
- Students' expectations? To make a difference, do something 'meaningful'; have a work-integrated learning experience;
- Process/Timing: There are three intakes, February, July and November. (The November intake runs in two blocks - one before the summer break, and the other after.) For the intakes, processing begins in November (for February), April (for July) and September (**NOW!!**), for November.
- What to think about? setting up for success; the support you give the intern will enable you to get the most out of the process for both yourself and the intern; the PACE team can help you to 'package' your project.
- Where do the students come from? Although this programme initially started with Arts students, it is now offered across the University.
- Is working with an organisation all the students do for this programme? No - the students will attend weekly lectures which complement the project they are working on with an organisation.