

Land Acknowledgement

As an organization that transcends geographic and national boundaries, Local Contexts acknowledges that all of the lands and waters we occupy are Indigenous Homelands. We recognize the ongoing significance of these lands and waters for Indigenous Peoples of the past, present, and future.

For our full Land Acknowledgement, visit our website.

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Whakatauki (Proverb)

"Life is not easy, it is only as hard as you make it."
- Ruka Hudson

In Memoriam of Ruka Hudson

Message to the Local Contexts Community



Monique Tyndall (Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans), Krystal Tsosie (Diné/Navajo Nation), Darren Ranco (Penobscot Nation), and Emily Johnson (Yup'ik Nation) at the Local Contexts Summit in Lenapehoking in May.

Kia ora, hello! We hope you are well. For our team's locations across Turtle Island and Aotearoa, we are embracing seasonal changes along with the continual growth of Local Contexts.

In May, we held our first Local Contexts Summit in Lenapehoking. We are grateful for those who presented, attended, have watched the videos, and otherwise helped to make this a success!

We also released our new film, made in collaboration with the Penobscot Nation. *Awasəwehlawəlatina wikəwamok | They Returned Home* charts the groundbreaking work undertaken by the Penobscot Nation to restore Penobscot cultural authority within institutions in Maine and beyond.

We are planning our next Summit and film screening for later this year in Aotearoa and hope you can join us in-person or online.

We also have some great talks and events planned in the months ahead, including a webinar for researchers tomorrow.

Alongside the Collaboratory for Indigenous Data Governance, we hosted an Indigenous Metadata Symposium. A communiqué with recommendations for an Indigenous Metadata Bundle will be released in the next month.

We are excited to be seeking candidates for two positions, our Founding Executive Director and Outreach Coordinator (Americas). Find more information about these positions below, and stay tuned for a few additional positions opening soon.

- The Local Contexts Team

Join Our Team!

Local Contexts is seeking candidates for two positions.

We are looking for a **Founding Executive Director** with strong roots in Indigenous community engagement, who will provide thought leadership in building the research infrastructure of the future while developing, leading and managing a sustainable organization.

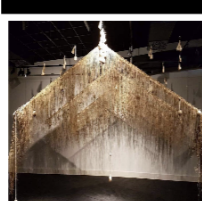
We are also looking for an **Outreach Coordinator (Americas)** to support our multifaceted outreach efforts to cultivate and sustain our growing network of Indigenous communities, institutions, and researchers.

See information about these positions and additional openings coming soon on our website.


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Labels & Notices in Use


Te Ingoa: Waiata by Title



Tei rā te kaupapa
He waiata whakanui i te Reo Maori, whakahou i te iwi, kia mau ki te reo me ōna tapu katoa.



Te Tapu o Muriwai
He whakatauki nā Muriwai. He ngeri, he pātere o Te Whakatōhea. He tauparapara hoki.



Tērā te pō pango
He mōteatea tēnei o Ngāti Ira. Ka rongō ki te reo waiata o rātou mā

Te Whakatōhea TK Labels in waiata app

Whakatōhea Iwi in Aotearoa New Zealand has added some of their Traditional Knowledge Labels to waiata (traditional songs/chants) in the Whakatōhea Waiata App. The TK Labels that Whakatōhea have applied reflect how they would like these waiata to be shared within and outside the community.

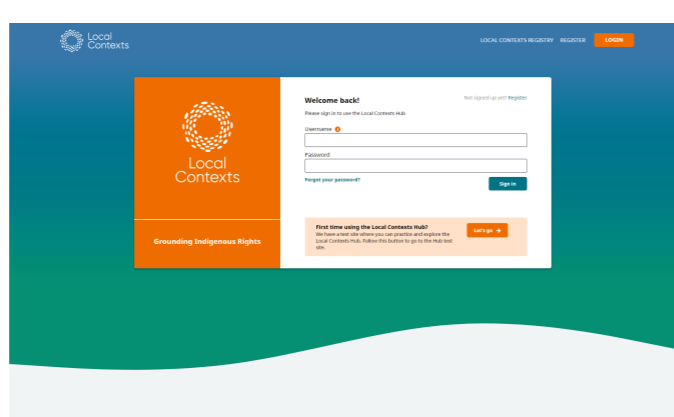


First TK Notice on a publication

The first use of a TK Notice on a publication was used in "[Green Ribbon and Blue Ribbon Stories: Applying a Bidjara Way of Knowing to Understanding Records](#)," by Leann Wilson (Bidjara/Kara-Kara and South Sea Islander) and Rose Barrowcliffe (Butchulla), published in June in *Archives & Manuscripts*, the journal of the Australian Society of Archivists.

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Hub & API Updates



We are constantly working on ways to improve the Local Contexts Hub. Check out our [Blog](#) for any major Hub and API updates or our [Changelog](#) for minor updates monthly.

The Local Contexts team appreciates user questions and feedback as we continue to develop the Hub into a useful tool! Please get in touch with us by emailing support@localcontexts.org.

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New

Films added to our website

Watch our short films, including the recently released film by the Penobscot Nation and Local Contexts, "[Awasəwehlawəlatina wikəwamok | They Returned Home](#)."

Introducing Collections Care Notices

In collaboration with the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, we have developed new Collections Care Notices for institutions. These Notices support proper cultural care and stewardship of collections, led and guided by Indigenous protocols and authority.

Local Contexts Summit edited recordings now available

The first Local Contexts Summit in Lenapehoking brought together people from across the Local Contexts community focusing on Indigenous authority, control, and governance over Indigenous knowledge and data in the humanities and the sciences. Find more information and edited recordings on our website.

New support materials about Local Contexts and the Hub added to our website

Letter templates for creating a community and institution account on the Hub have been added to our downloadable resources page. If you have any questions, check out our [support](#) pages and [FAQ](#).

Upcoming Events

July 2023

July 19 | Local Contexts (virtual) Webinar: Local contexts for Researchers

July 24 | ENRICH (virtual) Indigenous Community Network meeting

September 2023

September 13 | GLAMhack2023 Pre-Event (virtual) Local Contexts: Supporting Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Cultural Authority in Collections and Data

October 2023

October 11-13 | Bard College (Annandale-on-Hudson, NY, United States) Rethinking Place Conference: Indigenous Research Methods & Practice

October 24-26 | ATALM (Oklahoma City, OK, United States) Workshop 10 and session 110 at 2023 International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums

November 2023

November 28 | Local Contexts (Wellington, New Zealand, and virtual) Posted the date for the next Local Contexts Summit and film screening - details to be posted soon!

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Have you implemented Labels or Notices into your work? Are you doing an event centered on Indigenous Intellectual Property and/or Indigenous Data Sovereignty? Do you have something else you would like to share in the Local Contexts newsletter? We would love to hear from you!