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Tēnā koe John

### **Response to your request for Official Information**

On 3 January 2020, you requested from the Human Rights Commission (“the Commission”) the following information:

1. What is a qualified Human Rights Commission facilitator and how does a person become a qualified Human Rights Commission facilitator;
2. Is there a training provided by the Commission or is there a programme provided by the Commission to recognise a person?
3. All relevant details or policy, procedures related to the term "a qualified Human Rights Commission facilitator"

### **Taku Manawa**

From 2003 – 2012, the Commission delivered an NZQA Approved Human Rights Facilitation Short Course at various locations throughout New Zealand. The programme involved a seven-day human rights education programme to build participants understanding of human rights and develop their facilitation skills. In the year following, participants hold activities in their regions that highlight and explore human rights issues that are relevant to their communities. The Commission provided hands-on mentoring and support, as well as a budget to cover costs of community activities.

You can see more about the programme on our website here:

<https://www.hrc.co.nz/files/4714/2421/9547/Taku-Manawa-Building-Human-Rights-Communities.pdf>

The programme was eventually delivered in the following regions;

- 2003 - Eastern Bay of Plenty and assessed by Waiāriki Institute of Technology (now known as Toi Ohomai).
- 2008 - Te Taitokerau and assessed by the Northland Polytechnic.

- 2009 - Murihiku and Te Tairāwhiti, the latter being assessed by the Tairāwhiti Polytechnic (Eastern Institute of Technology).
- 2011- Kirikiriroa and assessed by Waikato Institute of Technology.
- 2012 - Manukau and assessed by the Manukau Institute of Technology.

Anjum completed the Human Rights Facilitation programme delivered in Kirikiriroa and assessed by Waikato Institute of Technology in 2011.

The Human Rights Facilitation Short Course was discontinued in or around 2013 following an organisation review and change in the Commission's strategic direction.

The Commission does not currently have any policy or procedure regarding the use of the term *qualified Human Rights Commission facilitator*.

### **Alternative avenues**

If you are unhappy with this response, under the Official Information Act you are entitled to complain to the Ombudsman's Office. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or on freephone 0800 802 602.

If you have any further queries about this response, please feel free to contact me directly.

Nāku noa, nā

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