



# LIIFT AOTEAROA LEARNING OVERVIEW 2026

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DATE	SESSION	TIME	PRESENTER	CAPABILITY AREA	STAGE	DELIVERY	FEE
3 Feb	GOVERNANCE MATTERS 1: The Incorporated Societies Act Changes: Re-register or risk closure – What your society needs to do now	6:30–7:45pm	Carol Scholes	1	A, B	Zoom	Free
10 Feb	GOVERNANCE MATTERS 2: The difference between governance and management	6:30–7:45pm	Carol Scholes	1	A, B	Zoom	Free
12 Feb	LEADERSHIP IN TIMES OF CHANGE 1: Trends and Challenges 2026: A 90-Minute Strategic Scan for NFP Leaders	10–11:30am	Sandy Thompson	2	B, C, D	Zoom	Standard
19 Feb	Funding Forum	10am–12pm	Various funders (TBC)	3	A, B	Zoom	Free
4 Mar	Grant seeking and writing workshop	9:30am–12:30pm	Therese Lanigan-Behrent	4	A, B	In-person	Standard
10 Mar	GOVERNANCE MATTERS 3: Managing Difficult Dynamics at the Board Table: Practical Tools for Healthy Governance (Deep Dive)	6:30–8pm	Carol Scholes	1	B, C	Zoom	Subsidised
18 Mar	SOCIAL MEDIA SERIES 1: 10 Steps to Marketing Your Nonprofit	1–2pm	Alecia Hancock	10	A, B	Zoom	Standard
18 Mar	Measuring what matters: Practical impact for boards and funders	6:30–8:30pm	Pat Crogan	1	B, C	In-person	Free (funded)
20 Mar	First Aid workshop	9:30am–2pm	Sarah Thompson	6	A, B	In-person	Standard
25 Mar	Building a positive team environment	10am–12pm	Damian D’Cruz	5	A, B	In-person	Standard
7 Apr	GOVERNANCE MATTERS 4: The legal responsibilities of boards	6:30–7:45pm	Carol Scholes	1	A, B	Zoom	Free
29 Apr	LEADERSHIP IN TIMES OF CHANGE 2: Trust, Transparency and Tough Conversations: The Heart of Effective Leadership	10–11:30am	Hilary Star Foged	2	B, C, D	Zoom	Standard
30 Apr	Build XERO confidence end to end <i>(7-week course starting Apr 30 running weekly to Jun 12)</i>		Ann Murgatroyd	3	A, B	Zoom	Standard
12 May	GOVERNANCE MATTERS 5: Finding the Right People: How to Recruit and Retain Great Board Members & Volunteers (Deep Dive)	6:30–8pm	Carol Scholes	1	B, C	Zoom	Subsidised
27 May	SOCIAL MEDIA SERIES 2: How to Activate Your Community on Social Media	12–1pm	Alecia Hancock	10	B	Zoom	Standard
10 Jun	Become funder-ready	10–11:30am	Therese Lanigan-Behrent	4	A, B	Zoom	Standard
16 Jun	GOVERNANCE MATTERS 6: The Board’s role in financial oversight	6:30–7:45pm	Carol Scholes	1	B, C	Zoom	Free

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24 Jun	LEADERSHIP IN TIMES OF CHANGE 3: Managing Difficult Personalities and Toxic Behaviours in the Workplace	10–11:30am	Aly McNicoll	2	B, C, D	Zoom	Standard
14 Jul	GOVERNANCE MATTERS 7: The importance of a good Chair and the secrets of what a good Chair does (Deep Dive)	6:30–8pm	Carol Scholes	1	B, C	Zoom	Subsidised
4 Aug	GOVERNANCE MATTERS 8: Health and safety and the board's role	6:30–7:45pm	Carol Scholes	1	B, C	Zoom	Free
12 Aug	LEADERSHIP IN TIMES OF CHANGE 4: The Leader's Role in Healthy Collaboration	10–11:30am	Pat Crogan	2	B, C, D	Zoom	Standard
19 Aug	Grant seeking and writing	9:30am–12:30pm	Therese Lanigan-Behrent	4	A, B	In-person	Standard
27 Aug	SOCIAL MEDIA SERIES 3: Know Your Numbers - Understanding social media and marketing analytics	12–1pm	Alecia Hancock	10	B, C	Zoom	Standard
18 Sep	First Aid workshop	9:30am–2pm	Sarah Thompson	6	A, B	In-person	Standard
29 Sep	GOVERNANCE MATTERS 9: Getting the Board–Manager Relationship Right: Boundaries, Expectations & Performance Review (Deep Dive)	6:30–8pm	Carol Scholes	1	B, C	Zoom	Subsidised
13 Oct	GOVERNANCE MATTERS 10: AI, cyber security, and digital leadership from a governance perspective	6:30–7:45pm	Carol Scholes	1	C, D	Zoom	Free
15 Oct	LEADERSHIP IN TIMES OF CHANGE 5: Leadership Judgement in Times of Change	10–11:30am	TBC	2	B, C, D	Zoom	Standard
22 Oct	Become funder-ready	10–11:30am	Therese Lanigan-Behrent	4	A, B	Zoom	Standard
29 Oct	SOCIAL MEDIA SERIES 4: How to Succeed on Canva as a Nonprofit	12–1pm	Alecia Hancock	10	A, B	Zoom	Standard
10 Nov	GOVERNANCE MATTERS 11: Futureproofing Your NFP: The 10 Governance Decisions That Will Shape Your Next 5 Years (Deep Dive)	6:30–8pm	Carol Scholes	1	C, D	Zoom	Subsidised

#### PLACE-BASED LiIFT DELIVERY

2026	Place-based capability workshops – Puketāpapa/Devonport-Takapuna/Kaipatiki/Hibiscus & Bays: A series of locally delivered, in-person, fully-funded workshops, responding to community priorities in these local board areas.					In-person	Free (place-based, funded)
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#### PLACE-BASED AND COHORT PROGRAMMES

2026	Talanoa Tupuaga – Pacific organisational capability programme: A cohort-based programme supporting Pacific-led community organisations, groups, and teams to strengthen leadership, governance, funding readiness, and organisational capability, grounded in Pacific values and lived experience.					In-person (various locations)	Free (funded)
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LiiFT Aotearoa is ANCAD's capability-building framework for community organisations. It supports organisations at different stages of development to strengthen leadership, governance, funding, and sustainability through practical learning and support.

Stages reflect where your organisation is right now. Not sure which sessions are right for you?

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## WHO IT'S FOR

### **Governance-focused sessions**

For board members, trustees, Chairs, and senior leaders.

### **Leadership sessions**

For managers, team leaders, and senior staff navigating change.

### **Funding & fundraising sessions**

For anyone involved in seeking, managing, or reporting on funding.

### **Finance / Xero / accounting sessions**

For staff or volunteers responsible for financial administration or oversight.

### **Communications / social media sessions**

For staff or volunteers responsible for communications, marketing or engagement.

### **Entry-level / grassroots sessions**

For grassroots and community-based organisations at early or strengthening stages.

### **Advanced / deep-dive sessions**

For experienced leaders or boards seeking to deepen practice.

### **Incubator / cohort-based programmes**

For organisations seeking structured support over time.