



Participatory
Techniques Ltd

ToP™ Module 2-3

Strategic Thinking and Planning



Who is the course for?

People involved in any type of planning, e.g. strategic, project, and / or business planning with teams and groups: particularly where drawing knowledge from participants to inform its content and achieving full buy-in and engagement to the plan or strategy is going to be important.

Prerequisite

Completion of ToP™ Group Facilitation Methods course is a prerequisite for this course.

What does the course cover?

The course is part of the Technology of Participation (ToP™) Facilitative Leadership Program, developed by the [Institute of Cultural Affairs Australasia](#). This course comprises **Strategic Thinking and Planning** (Module 3) and **Variations on the Methods** (second half of Module 2)

ToP™ Module 3 *Strategic Thinking and Planning* focuses on participatory planning. It applies the workshop and discussion methods you have learnt to the task of strategic planning, so that you can get whole-group participation when developing strategies and plans.

The second part of ToP™ Module 2 includes further variations on the methods for gathering and processing information, and further exploration of the underlying dynamics (the theory behind ToP™ facilitation).

Maori perspectives on facilitation are deepened, including exploration of 'strategic thinking and planning' from a Maori perspective, and we also explore working in other cultural contexts.

What participants have said:

"The training provides great insights into participation and tools, while providing a safe and welcoming space to experience, practise and experiment"

"Provides a great set of methods for strategic planning. Provided a perspective of how traditional Māori knowledge and worldview relates to strategic planning"

"WOW! It has applications in so many facets of life. General communication, work, community etc. It provides an optimism that different people can work together to achieve something great - what great facilitation tools."

Course Fee:

The course cost is \$2,415 incl GST. Meals (during the course sessions) are included as part of the fee.

Course trainers:

The course will be delivered by authorised Technology of Participation trainers Michelle Rush and Dr Helen Ritchie, working in partnership with a tangata whenua representative from the area to provide Māori perspectives.

Corporate Training Courses:

We also offer in-house training courses that can be tailored to an organisation's specific needs. Please contact us if you would like more information about this option.

Certified Technology of Participation (ToP™) Facilitator (CToPF):

People who complete at least the first three of the Facilitative Leadership Program modules may apply to become a Certified Technology of Participation Facilitator (CToPF), an internationally recognised certification of competence. An assessment process and additional fee applies.