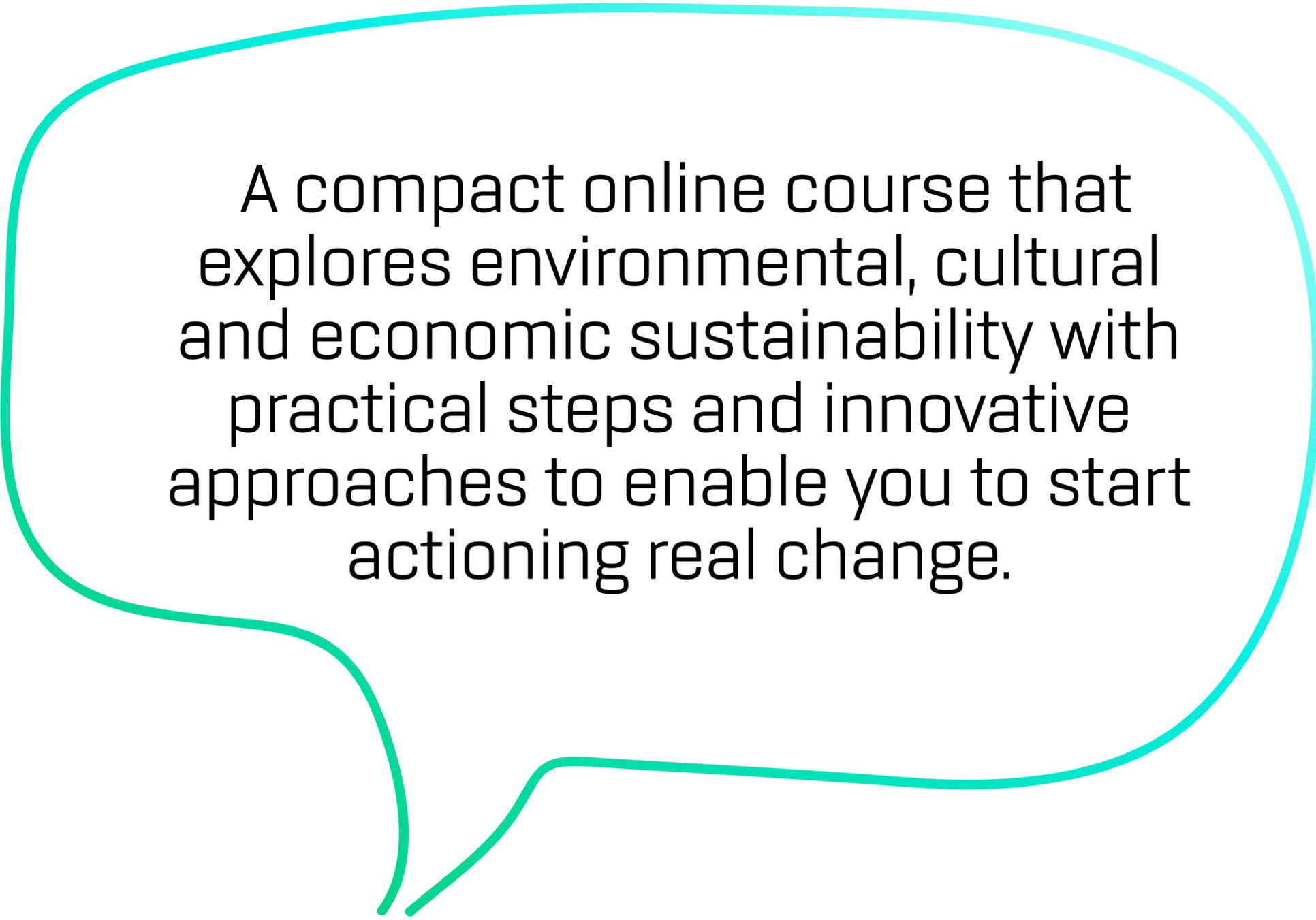


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# Leading Beyond Sustainability

Micro-credential



A compact online course that explores environmental, cultural and economic sustainability with practical steps and innovative approaches to enable you to start actioning real change.

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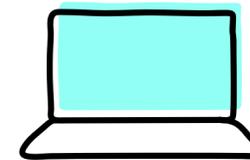
## What is Leading Beyond Sustainability?



NZQA-accredited  
micro-credential



Part-time course  
completed over 8 weeks  
in your own time



Delivered 100% online



Learn a variety of approaches,  
indigenous models and  
leading-edge frameworks  
relating to sustainability



## What is Leading Beyond Sustainability?

Leading Beyond Sustainability is an online course designed to give you a big picture view of sustainability, and empower you to bring new thinking into your home, workplace, project or community.

Using our intuitive online learning platform each week you will be introduced to new ideas, stories, indigenous thinking, frameworks and different forms of measurement that demonstrate sustainability in action. Content is delivered through videos, articles, quizzes and is constantly up to date with what is going on in the world.

There are three online Zoom sessions throughout the programme where you'll get the chance to connect with other learners from across Aotearoa and share ideas, as well as get advice and extra information from our programme facilitators.

As part of the assessments you'll create a case study analysis of a framework or organisation demonstrating authentic sustainability, as well as bringing everything you have learned together to create your own project brief related to your context.

It is a Level 8 qualification, worth 15 credits. On finishing you'll receive a letter of completion as well as a 'digital badge' you can add to your CV and LinkedIn profile.



## What you'll walk away with



### A sustainability toolkit

A range of proven, leading-edge approaches, tools and frameworks for creating sustainable action and an understanding of skills gaps as well as how to navigate them.



### The ability to think bigger and deeper

A new way of thinking about sustainability relating to people, the planet, and everything in between, including the incorporation of indigenous knowledge.



### Inspiration and action

Experience applying strategies and a systems thinking approach to address sustainability challenges, and the confidence to move forward with your own initiatives.



## Who is the course for?

This course is for anyone passionate about making positive change, and keen to get an understanding of sustainability in all of its facets.

Sustainability is one of the biggest issues facing our world today, and it doesn't just relate to environmental sustainability.

## Sustainability is...

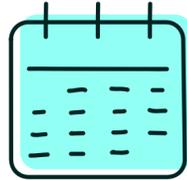
"The possibility that humans and other forms of life on earth will flourish forever."

– John Ehrenfeld

We need to learn, discover, understand and upskill in order to create a long term vision that balances the impact on current and future generations.



## Programme details



### Upcoming intakes

January 2022

24th January 2022 – 20th March 2022

March 2022

28th March 2022 – 22nd May 2022

May 2022

30th May 2022 – 24th July 2022

August 2022

1st August 2022 – 25th September 2022

October 2022

3rd October 2022 – 27th November 2022



### Time requirement

8 weeks of part-time learning, made up of online classes and work in your own time each week:

**3**

3 x 90 minute online sessions throughout the 8 weeks (weeks 1, 3 and 6)

**4-12**

4-12 hours of self-directed learning each week, including reading articles, watching videos and assessments



### LOCATION

Wherever you are in New Zealand! The course is 100% online and the online sessions are facilitated via Zoom.



### COST

The course costs \$900 (including GST)  
10% earlybird discount available

Full scholarships available

Options for payment include:



Credit card



Direct debit (bank transfer)



Invoice to yourself, your business or your employer

Does your employment offer Professional Development? Why not talk with HR or your line manager and see if they could pay for you - or maybe a 50/50 split.



## Meet your programme lead



Saskia Verraes

Saskia is a devoted fighter for a better world. One that is socially just, economically inclusive and environmentally restorative.

In her role at The Mind Lab as Sustainable Futures Adviser, she's able to leverage her 25+ years experience in various international senior and executive roles including as Chief Responsible Management Officer for Tourism Holdings Limited in Auckland.

Saskia's innate drive and dedication to initiatives that improve the world through systemic change, social commitment and radical collaboration wholly qualifies her to lead this critically important learning journey for people wanting to make positive change.

Saskia is not one to shy away from the intensely complex challenges the world faces today - in fact she

stares them boldly in the face and asks, who can I work with, what needs to be done, how can we create. A systems thinker who employs empathy, curiosity, creativity and passion to spark action, Saskia lends all her energy to inspire and build capability in people and develop initiatives that will improve the world.

## Who is The Mind Lab

The story of The Mind Lab is a story of recognising and embracing change in the world and providing innovative education that reflects that change.

Founded by Frances Valintine in 2013, we started by addressing the imbalance of what kiwi kids were learning compared with the future of work they were going to be faced with. This quickly led to raising the digital skills and capabilities of teachers, and now our suite of programmes is rapidly expanding across Aotearoa as we seek to build capability to make sure no one gets left behind.

All of our programmes, teaching and learnings are grounded in kaupapa Māori values. We're focused on making what we teach accessible and valuable for all learners, as value and outcomes for learners are at the heart of what we do.

In a world where the greatest certainty is change, lifelong learning is key; which is why learning needs to be accessible, inspiring, fun, practical, and a journey of endless exploration and positive change.

**The Mind Lab – creating impactful futures.**





## FAQ

### 1. What are some of the tools will we be using?

Sessions will be delivered via Zoom, so you'll get to know that one pretty well. You'll also collaborate with others via our communication platform Slack, and learning will be delivered through our online learning platform Ako Mai. We use Padlet to collaborate ideas.

### 2. What is the 'project' that we'll work on as part of the course?

You'll pick a sustainability challenge in your context, e.g. your workplace or community, and the project is creating a brief that brings all of the learnings of the programmes together. You'll select models and frameworks that suits you, share how the project links up with global goals and trends, and analyse the skills you'll need to get it done.

### 3. What is a micro-credential?

A micro-credential certifies achievement of a specific and coherent set of skills and/or knowledge. Micro-credentials are created through strong evidence of need by industry, employers, iwi and/or the community. They are usually 15 credits and take place over less than 15 weeks. Learners should be able to complete this micro-credential without taking time off work.

### 4. What do I need to be able to do this course?

Just a laptop (or desktop) connected to the internet. Your laptop can be a Windows or Mac.

### 5. This is a Level 8 micro-credential. How do I know if I'm eligible to do this course?

To be enrolled in this micro-credential you must either have a recognised bachelor's degree or equivalent professional qualification or higher or have equivalent professional experience in a relevant industry or community. We are happy to chat you through your situation & experience first before you enrol.

### 6. Are there scholarships available?

Yes, we have three scholarships:



**Tangata Whenua Scholarship**  
full fees scholarships for educators who identify as Māori



**Pacific Ako Scholarship**  
full fees scholarships for those who identify as Pacific learners



**Taipakeke Scholarship**  
full fees scholarships for learners who are aged 60 years and over

### 7. What happens if I can't make the online sessions?

It's okay if you miss the sessions, they're recorded and it's really a chance to connect and ask questions. You can also interact with your cohort, and your facilitators over Slack.

### 8. Can I submit my assessments in Te Reo?

Yes you can, we have staff available to grade Te Reo Māori assessments.

### 9. Can I do this course with colleagues?

Absolutely. We've had loads of students do our courses alongside family members, friends and colleagues. Learning is always better together!

### 10. How can I pay for the course?

There are various options to make payment - you can choose to receive an invoice (personal or to your employer/business) or you can pay by credit card or by direct debit. Payment does need to be made in full before the course start date.

### 11. What is the difference between this and the Postgraduate Certificate in Leading Change for Good?

The Leading Change for Good programme is a 34-week postgraduate certificate and goes in-depth into leadership development and more topics. This course is only 8-weeks long and it is a micro-credential, meaning it is more of a compact experience / taste-tester.

### 12. How is this course assessed?

Over the 8 weeks, there are two assessments (also called projects/ assignments). These are both assessed on competency so you do not get a grade, just a "competent" or "not yet competent" mark. There is also the opportunity for resubmission if you are unsuccessful the first time around.

We're here to help



We'd love to welcome you to our community of learners. If you need any more information, have further questions, or would like to arrange a face-to-face meeting or presentation at your workplace, we're here to help.

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