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Colonisation in Aotearoa/New Zealand: Navigating two cultures of psychological being, education and wellness in educational psychology

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ABSTRACT

How do we lift the mana of ourselves and others in our practice? Are we actively welcoming, valuing, and enthusiastically supportive of Māori culture in our workplace? This will be an interactive workshop reflecting on the lived experience of one of the presenters, navigating her school and academic training to become a practising educational psychologist. You can then reflect on some of the current practices and the next steps towards decolonising our institutions within education and psychology.