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You are warmly invited to register for our upcoming conference. [register and attend](#)

“The opposite of poverty is not wealth, it is justice.” Callum Katene, chairman of Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira cited this famous line at the 2025 launch of ***Pakukore: Poverty, By Design***, a powerful book of essays that originated in the Stout Research Centre’s conference of the same name.

Those words sparked the inspiration for the Stout Centre’s upcoming conference, **Kia Tika, Kia Pono: For a Just Society**, to be held in Wellington from April 16-18. The conference is a natural follow on from ***Pakukore: Poverty, By Design***, which we held in November 2024. If you attended that hui and appreciated the depth of insight and sense of urgency, I believe you will find Kia Tika, Kia Pono: For a Just Society equally compelling.

We know a great deal about the many interconnected systems that drive poverty, inequality, ecological breakdown and climate change. The question for our time is how do we break free of those systems, and develop new systems that put collective wellbeing, environmental care and future generations at the centre.

Aotearoa is not alone in seeking a new framework for a society built on equity and justice for all. Here and abroad, researchers, scholars and activists offer solutions and analysis that can help us move confidently onto a pathway towards a just society anchored in human dignity and respect for planetary boundaries.

**Kia Tika, Kia Pono: For a Just Society** will bring together some of Aotearoa New Zealand’s sharpest thinkers and most determined activists – people who are at the forefront of the quest

for a just society. I really hope you will take the time to [check out the programme](#), and that you will be inspired to [register and attend](#). As severe economic hardship, rising child poverty figures, climate damage and fraying democratic norms weigh ever more heavily, it feels particularly timely and relevant to come together at Kia Tika, Kia Pono: For a Just Society to share insight, action and commitment.

Ngā mihi

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