

Jarred Lee Boon

30 yrs old, Maori / Samoan, Born and currently reside in Tokoroa

Lecturer of Maori at Waiariki Institute of Technology

Current chair of the South Waikato Cultural Festival Committee Incorporated

Love Cultural Performance of all kinds / Prefer traditional performance

Would love to participate in Global fest to help promote cultural understanding and appreciation. There is nothing better than the three K's to get to know one another. **Kai / Kanikani / Kōrero** (Food / Dance and Conversation)

Duke Boon

26 Years old. Maori/Samoan. Currently tutoring Business at New Zealand Management Academies in Hamilton.

Was raised in Tokoroa – a melting pot of cultures, specifically Maori, Cook Island and Samoan.

Cultural diversity is something to celebrate. I was one of only a few New Zealand delegates to the Inaugural United Nations Alliance of Civilizations Conference in January 2008, Madrid, Spain. The world leaders were at that conference to discuss a number of ways about how better relations between peoples and cultures can be enhanced. I see events such as this as an invaluable stepping stone to enhance peoples understanding of each others culture.

I have a background of working at the University of Waikato in public relations. In the near future I aim to contribute to the current secondary Education Strategy and also help in achieving the objectives of the Alliance of Civilisations.