

## FREE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES 2013 – (see Page 2 for Dates and Venues)

SAMS (Standards and Monitoring Services) and VASS is pleased to provide you with an opportunity to send staff to a course that has been specifically designed to assist the further development of Personal Planning, Facilitation, and Community Participation Skills (Tuhana) – [www.tuhana.org.nz](http://www.tuhana.org.nz)

**Start Time for all courses:** 10.00 am to 4.00 pm (morning tea/lunch/afternoon tea provided)

**Venue:** See Below – Page 2

**Eligibility:** MSD funded services

**Registration:** email [samsno@actrix.co.nz](mailto:samsno@actrix.co.nz)

**Places:** there are limited spaces (20)

**Cost:** FREE

### **PERSONAL PLANNING**

Attending this training will enable you to understand the principles and practicalities associated with effective aspiration based personal planning.

This free training opportunity is designed to assist services to:

- Develop a personal planning process
- Refine the processes that already exist

### **FACILITATION SKILLS**

**Facilitation means “making it easier”.** Facilitation is a skill that is central to a way of working with people that fosters independence and interdependence. This course is designed to explore the basic concepts and skills associated with supporting people to be active in creating a good life for themselves. Whether with groups or individuals “facilitation” is based on the principles of self determination, flexibility, enabling practice and constructive development. The course has a focus on developing **practical** approaches and skills.

**TUHANA** – *“Tuhana is a pole used for linking people when they cross a river. The two strongest people stand at each end, and everyone walks across together”* [www.tuhana.org.nz](http://www.tuhana.org.nz)

This practical course is based on research carried out by the NZ Federation of Vocational and Support Services (VASS) and SAMS (Standards and Monitoring Services) in 2009. The research looked at what organisations were doing to develop effective practice in the area of supporting people, and provides an opportunity to explore the specific skills and approaches that have been identified locally and internationally as contributing to “good practice” and crucial to facilitating community participation.

<b>Date 2013</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Venue</b>
12 Feb	Mark Benjamin	Napier	Facilitation	Napier War Memorial Conference Centre 48 Marine Parade
19 March	Audrey Buel	Auckland	Personal Planning	Butterfly Creek Tom Pearce Drive, Auckland International Airport
28 March	Rebekah McCullough	Christchurch	Tuhana	Ferrymead Golf Conference Room 50 Ferrymead Park Drive
9 April	Audrey Buel	Christchurch	Personal Planning	Ferrymead Golf Conference Room 50 Ferrymead Park Drive
18 April	Mark Benjamin/Audrey Buel	Auckland	Facilitation	Butterfly Creek Tom Pearce Drive, Auckland International Airport
2 May	Rebekah McCullough	Christchurch	Facilitation	Ferrymead Golf Conference Room 50 Ferrymead Park Drive
9 May	Rebekah McCullough	Auckland	Tuhana	The Villa – CCS Disability Action 14 Erson Avenue, Royal Oak
17 May	Rebekah McCullough	Wellington	Tuhana	Wellington – Abel Tasman Hotel Cnr Willis/Dixon Streets