EVENT HOST SUPPORT PACK

Going further

For hosts with the time, skills or partners to go beyond the basics. None of this is required. Pick one or two ideas that suit your event.

Honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi

- Weave in te ao Māori perspectives and values, such as kaitiakitanga and manaakitanga.
- Connect early with mana whenua or your local marae, respect their time, and offer koha where appropriate.
- Use te reo Māori place names and take care with pronunciation.
- Make space for Māori knowledge and leadership in sustainability.

Widen the welcome

- Partner with groups that reach people who don't usually come to environmental events.
- Offer free or koha entry, whānau-friendly times, translated material or sign language interpretation where you can.
- Go hybrid: stream or record your event for people who can't attend. You'll need a good tech setup and at least two people, one to run the online side.

Shrink your footprint

- Aim for zero waste: weigh what goes to landfill, recycling and compost, and set a target for next time.
- Measure and offset your emissions with an accredited Aotearoa tool: FutureFit, Live Lightly, Ekos, Carbon Neutral Trust or Greenlit (made for events).
- Tell your hub what you did. We'd love to share it.

Connect with other hosts

- Invite other hosts through the WhatsApp group, and stay for a cuppa afterwards.
- Team up: co-host with another group, or link events (a nature walk, then a workshop).
- Running a paid event? Offer free entry to other hosts.

Leave something lasting

- Give people a next step: a resource, a group to join, or your next event.
- Follow up with wrap-up notes, slides or links.
- Write a blog post (1500–2500 words) about your mahi for the EcoFest website. Email it to ecofest@beautification.org.nz.
- Keep going year-round, and come back as an ongoing EcoFest contributor.

Your support hubs

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EcoMatters
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Kaipātiki Project
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South & East Auckland
Beautification Trust
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Waiheke & Gulf Islands
Waiheke Resources Trust
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Full pack and latest version: ecofest.org.nz/about/event-host-support-pack/