

SUSTAINAGANZA

—— CHANGING AOTEAROA'S FUTURE ——

Te Whanganui-a-Tara/Wellington
Thursday 26 October 2023



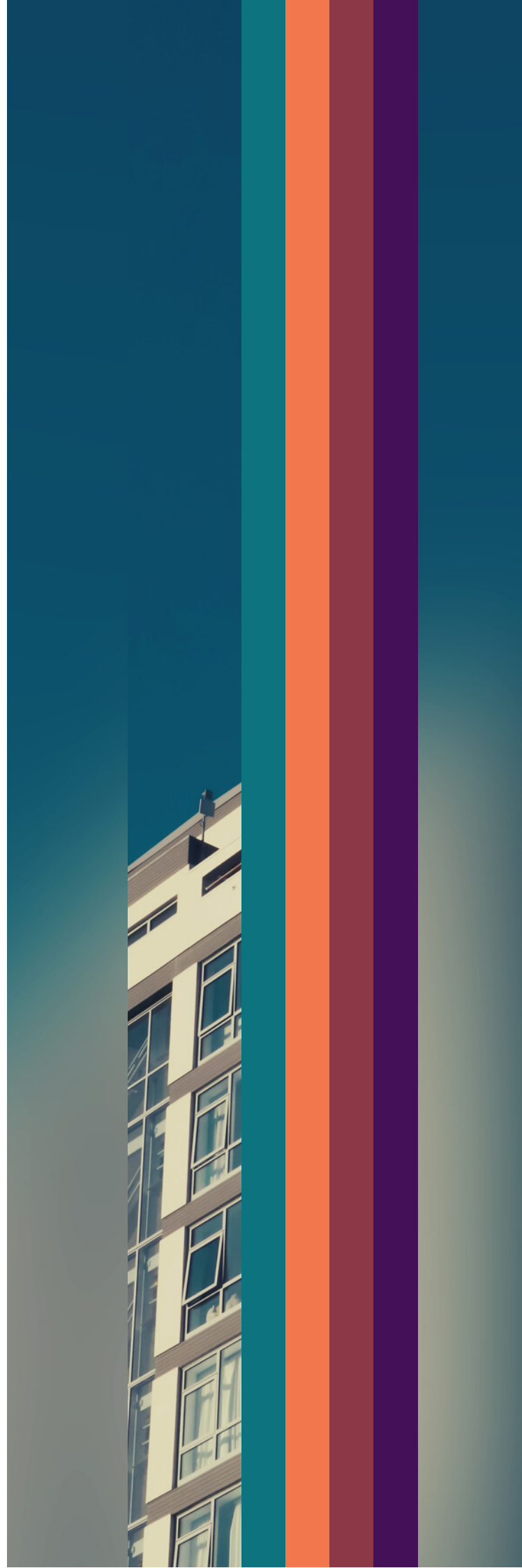
Whether it's the challenge of de-carbonisation of the transport and building sectors, giving effect to Te Mana o te Wai to protect our fresh and coastal waters, responding to increasing inequality and unaffordable housing or re-connecting communities with nature, we must find fundamentally new ways to thrive within the boundaries of a changing world.

We need to foster innovative, trans-disciplinary approaches and meaningfully engage professional peers, mana whenua partners, stakeholders and communities in designing and delivering transformative shifts.

At our inaugural Sustainaganza forum, participants will be working beyond the echo chambers of industry specific conferences or specialist professional development programmes.

This forum will bring together built form professionals, social scientists, academics and community leaders to explore how best to tackle these wicked challenges in bold and collaborative ways. This requires an intentional shift in mindset and shared understanding across disciplines of how differing skill-sets can be amplified through the development of collective responses.

**We are excited to invite you to
participate in the first
Sustainaganza one-day forum
hosted by The Sustainability
Society in partnership with
Engineering NZ.**



Who needs to be part of Sustainaganza?

We would like to invite participants who are leading change and innovation within different realms including:

- Urban water
- Transport/movement/accessibility
- Energy
- Urban design/architecture/building science/housing
- Climate change (adaptation and mitigation)
- Community leadership/activation
- Biodiversity
- Resilient food systems
- Human health and wellbeing

We are seeking participants who have an appetite to engage beyond the boundaries of their specialist area and already see the need to take a system-wide view. This is not a forum solely for established leaders of industry, we would like to involve people in different roles who are taking leadership action in a variety of ways across our systems.

Not a place for observation

Places within each focus area are limited with a cap on total numbers in order to maintain a rolling boil of active conversation and action throughout the forum. So register your interest soon or get in touch with any questions.

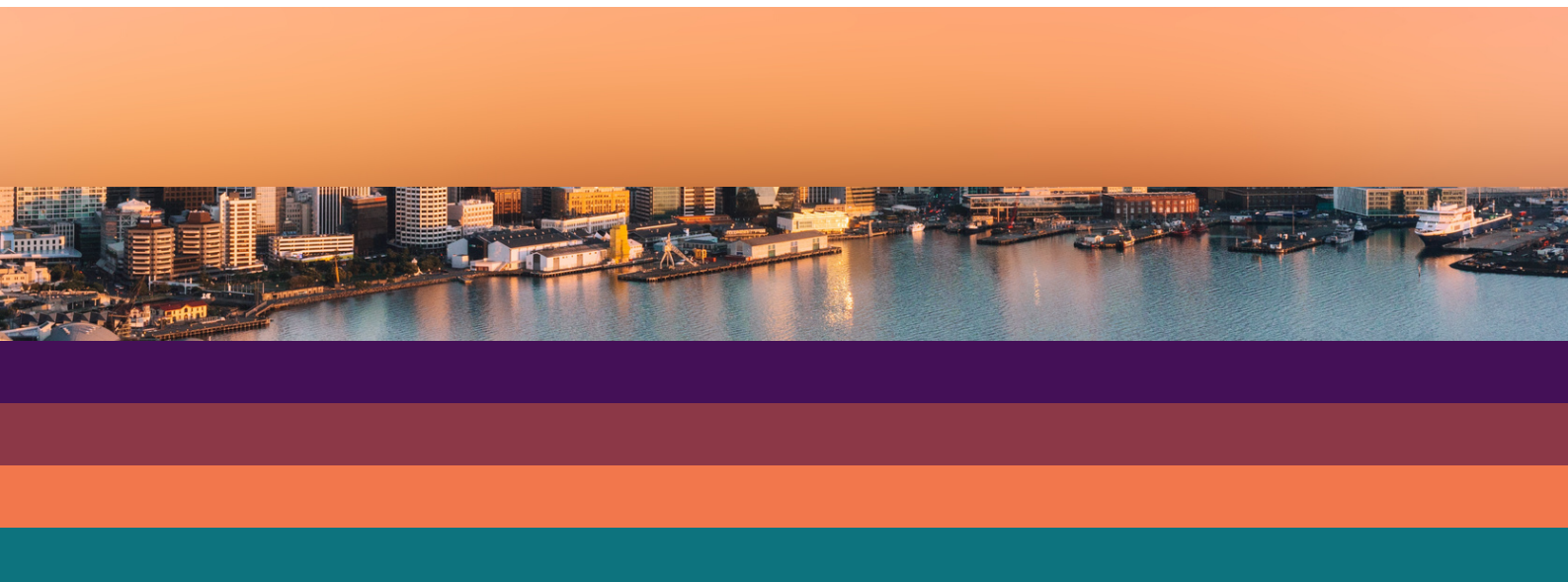
We need more than just better technical expertise

Complexity is something that we cannot shy away from but it is also something that cannot be tackled in a business-as-usual way.

There is no doubt that we have talented practitioners working in every realm of Aotearoa's built and natural environments who are passionate about creating sustainable, adaptive outcomes for the future.

What we also know is that technical specialist expertise alone is not going to be enough to get to where we need to go. We need our practitioners to equip themselves with new skills to meet our novel and complex challenges:

- better ways to work across discipline and context boundaries
- innovative design and planning methodologies that can translate to re-imagining our future cities
- support mechanisms for strategic experimentation of new approaches
- nimble and authentic ways of working with our communities to imagine and transition to living differently



About the forum

Part One:

Designing our future and disrupting our status quos

This will involve a series of engaging capability building workshop sessions creating an immersive multi-format experience.

- Introducing ideas and tools to support our collective ability to tackle disruption, innovation and transformation for Aotearoa
- Trans-disciplinary forums to explore the system-wide insights, opportunities for integration and shifts required
- Active sessions to experiment with new ideas and approaches

Part Two: Taking it to the streets

In the late afternoon and into the evening we will host a public event where the communities of Te Whanganui- ā-Tara can engage directly with a series of dynamic activities and installations. These will be designed to provoke thinking, ideas and conversations around issues that are crucial to creating a healthy future in Aotearoa and trial innovative ways to approach engaging with our communities.

The forum participants will be actively involved in that event alongside installation collaborators.



Questions? Get in touch with The Sustainability Society at sarah@sustainabilitysociety.org.nz

[Register your interest in participating here](#)