zero waste AOTEAROA

Visit our website

Join the network!

Zero Waste Aotearoa represents community enterprises across the country working towards zero waste. Our mission is to connect, educate, enable and inspire them to reach their goals and to be a unifying voice at local, regional and central government levels.

Members are the backbone of who we are. It's a national network from Ōtepoti to Kaitāia of community enterprises, businesses, local authorities and individual supporters. Together, we work locally and at scale.

Membership benefits

Supportive community across Aotearoa

Online member connection platform

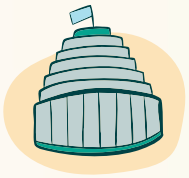
News & updates via our e-newsletter

Networking & connection events

Discounts to all ZWA events

Access to resources & practical support

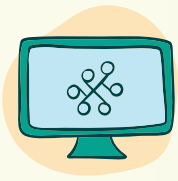
Feature in our member directory



Sector advocacy & evidence-based research

Buyers group

Full members can vote & stand for the Board of Trustees



Use of the ZWA member logo

150+ members

BUILDING A WASTE FREE FUTURE TOGETHER!

Connect

with others around Aotearoa

You're not alone in your mahi! There are over 150 fellow members across the country working on the same kaupapa. Joining our network helps you connect with others for inspiration, support, learnings, and collaboration.

This can be via:

- our networking video calls
- our annual in-person hui
- making the most of our digital platform to reach out and ask questions, or plan a visit to other sites yourself

"I am always inspired by the people I meet and the work they are doing in this space, but also learning about the work they do beyond zero waste in their communities"

Zero Waste Aotearoa Hui 2025

Upskill & grow

the capability of your team

Together, we're navigating the ever-changing landscape on this journey towards a world without waste. Our network provides opportunities for you and your team to upskill in their professional roles, and deepen understanding the zero waste world. We host regular training sessions both virtual and in-person with include site visits.

"The training was interesting learning about many different aspects in the sector ... being a new person to the industry it was helpful having a range of topics."

Zero Waste Training, Auckland 2025

We advocate

on your behalf for systems change

We champion practical zero waste ideas, policy, investment and action and we challenge false solutions to waste and climate change. We engage with government, councils, business, civil society and the public. This includes work on two campaigns:

- Pushing for a Container Return Scheme in New Zealand
- Fighting against incinerators and Waste-to-Energy plants that cause harm being built in Aotearoa.

Container Return Scheme campaigning

Membership options

FULL MEMBERSHIP

For community based non-profit or co-op groups who are active participant in the zero waste community and involved zero waste projects.

We have two versions of Full Membership:

FULL MEMBERSHIP — From $242/year

Full membership pricing is tiered, based on estimated annual turnover.

Turnover	< $100,000	< $500,000	$500,000+
Fee	$242/year	$484/year	$605/year

FULL FLEDGING — $60/year

Organisations that meet Full Membership criteria but are newly established or have 0–5 FTE employees may apply for fledgling membership. Fees are reviewed after the first year.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

For-profit businesses, companies, organisations or local governments who provide tangible benefits to full Zero Waste Aotearoa members.

We have three versions of Associate Membership:

MICRO ASSOCIATE	0-5 FTE employees	$121/year
ASSOCIATE	5+ FTE employees	$605/year
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	Council & Gov departments	$605/year

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

Become part of our Zero Waste Aotearoa supporters team.

Your supporter fee will be a valuable contribution to aiding the work of the network and helping us grow our collective voice.

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTER — $121/year

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