

CAROLINE TANA-TEPANIA from Aotearoa, New Zealand's IFSW co-ordinating body.

Carole is Tangata Whenua of Nga Puhi descent from the subtribe of Ngati Hine. Carole was born and nurtured in Mangere, South Auckland - the place she calls home. Wearing many personal hats; she is a friend, daughter, sister, cousin, mother, aunt, grandmother and wife. Growing up the second daughter in a line of 11 children within a 'blended family' highlights the importance of – strength and wellness for family, respectful relationships, and connected communities.

Carole commenced her social work journey in 2001 with experience in various roles including community development, crisis work, Social Worker in Schools and supervision. Carole's current role is within the managerial team of ME Family Service Centre in Auckland. She has professional affiliations with the ANZASW, SWRB and is a founding member for Tangata Whenua Social Workers Association.

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