

Addiction 101 Impact Evaluation September 2025

Addiction 101 is a one-day addiction literacy workshop that increases awareness and understanding and reduces the stigma associated with addiction.

From January 2023 to November 2024, an in-depth evaluation was conducted using participant feedback, focus groups, wananga and in-depth interviews to measure the impact of the Addiction 101 programme.



164 workshops were delivered to over 2,700 participants in communities and organisations throughout Aotearoa New Zealand.

The impact evaluation found that Addiction 101:

Expertly delivered



Consistent, high praise for facilitators across all our data



of learners agreed that facilitators' lived experience stories added value



Everyone was absolutely gobsmacked hearing the facilitator's story. It connected with me and the whānau I work with.

Supports participants' own wellbeing, even months later



of respondents were doing more to maintain their own wellbeing



of respondents were suggesting self-help strategies more often

I've used the workbook at work, at home, even with my son. Te Whare Tapa Whā gave us a framework to talk things through.

Shifts stigma

- » A scale was adapted to measure a reduction in stigma from attending Addiction 101
- » The greatest reduction was stigma towards the workplace

It's really important to see the person not the issues that result from the addiction.

Builds lasting confidence and capability



of learners were more confident talking about addiction & recovery - even with someone they were months later



of survey respondents started a conversation concerned about

Confidence to respond supportively increased after the workshop and was sustained months later

84% of learners were confident knowing when to seek professional help after the workshop, compared to 44% before the workshop

Valuable at home and work



found it useful in their work



found it useful in their personal lives

Builds a culture of care



were supporting others more at work



were making more effective referrals

After the training I put the workbook in our staff room... it started a real conversation about stigma and the language we use.