

# Do the labels we use for certain populations create exclusion?

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This workshop is a great chance for social services kaimahi to add something new to your SSPA kete mātauranga and support your professional learning and development. With Dr. Debbie Hager having presented a well-received workshop at our Whakamanawa Conference last year and just last month kanohi-ki-te-kanohi in Tāmaki Makaurau, we are creating a space for more kaimahi around the motu to engage in this kaupapa.

Title	Who can participate	When	Where	Fee
Do the labels we use for certain populations create exclusion?	SSPA members and other community-based social service providers	Tuesday 13 June 2023 10am-12pm	Online via Zoom	Max of 30 places available  \$65 SSPA members \$90 non-members

## About the workshop

When addressing issues of equity and intersectional need, our social services and wider social sector is asked to think specifically about groups of people who are not experiencing equitable outcomes, and access to services and supports. During the workshop, you'll have the chance to consider the impact of the language we use when speaking about the people we're working with.

**"I have stopped talking about 'vulnerable' people, now I'm talking about 'systems that don't fit our people'. There is so much freedom in this kōrero"**

*SSPA member kaimahi, feedback on Dr Hager's Whakamanawa 2022 workshop*



## You'll learn about

This workshop will utilise a combination of small group activities, audio-visual material and discussions to examine how the use of certain language to describe groups of people or populations can focus attention on individual deficit and blame, or on the contextual and socio-political perspective of a particular group's circumstances.

You'll have the opportunity to:

- reflect on language used to describe the groups you're working with, and social meanings inherent in this language
- explore how this language can create either benefit or harm to populations
- develop your use of language to both accurately describe the wider elements of people's circumstances and enhance mana and wellbeing.

## Introducing your facilitator

Dr. Debbie Hager is a health promoter with a focus on women's health and wellbeing. Her specialist areas of research are the intersections between domestic and sexual violence and disability, including mental illness. Debbie teaches Health Promotion at the University of Auckland, and Human Rights at AUT. Debbie presented at Whakamanawa 2022 – The National Social Services Conference, and SSPA has invited her to provide further spaces for kōrero on this kaupapa after receiving a huge amount of interest. You can learn more about Debbie [here](#).

## How to register

For more information and to register visit [www.sspa.org.nz](http://www.sspa.org.nz)

**If you have any pātai about this Learning and Development offer, please contact Clare Docherty, SSPA Learning and Development Advisor: [learning@sspa.org.nz](mailto:learning@sspa.org.nz)**

Nau Mai, Haere Mai ki tēnei wāhi ako!  
We look forward to welcoming you to this space of learning.