

# Guiding Principles Ngā Mātāpono

There are five Guiding Principles - Ngā Mātāpono that are central to the Enviroschools Kaupapa. The natural environment supports all the principles and is the ultimate source of life in our communities. Grounding yourself in these principles will give you a firm foundation in what Enviroschools is all about.



## Empowered Learners

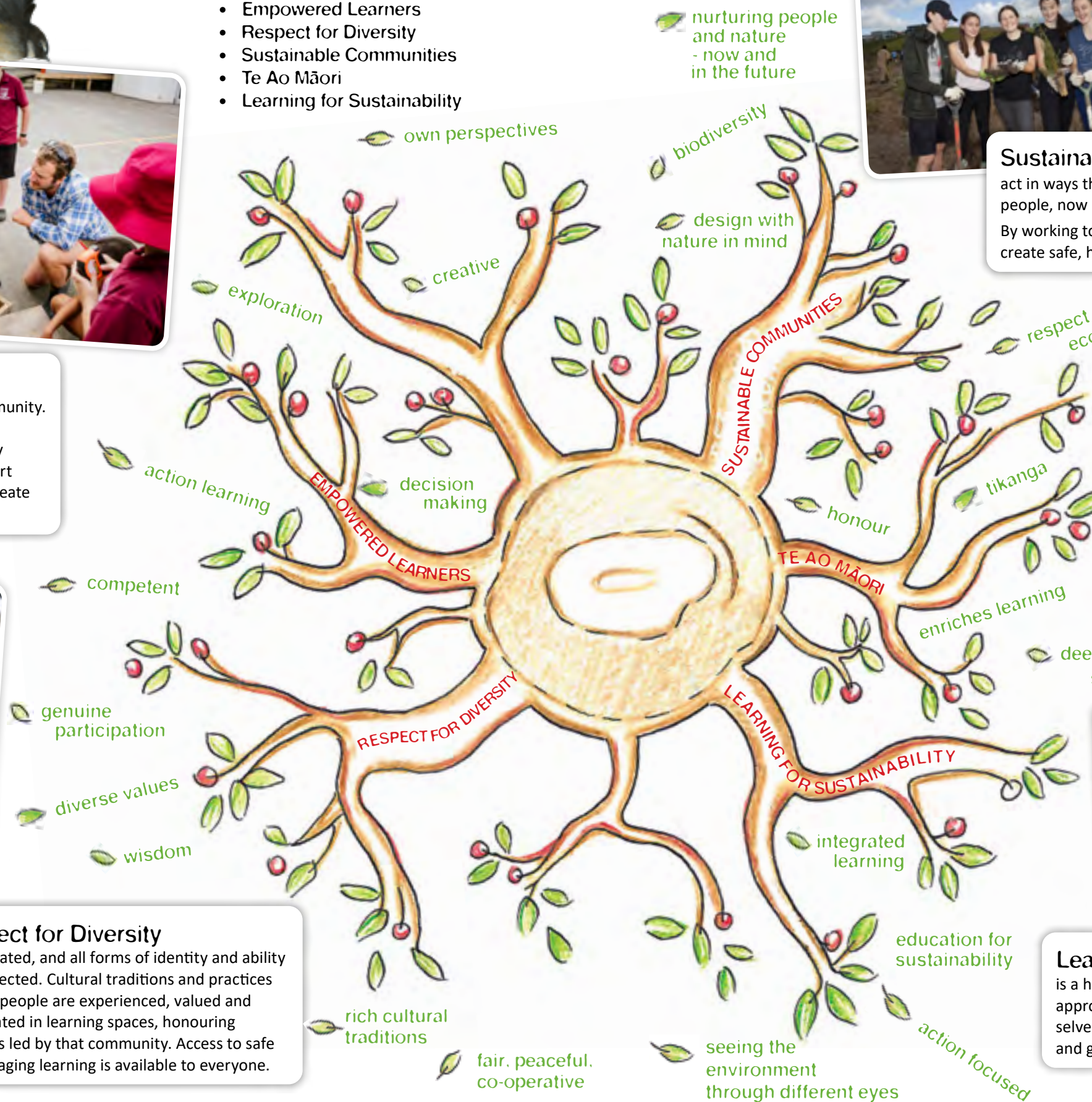
participate in genuine ways in their community. Their unique creativity, perspectives and questions are valued and honoured. They feel connected to the whenua and support each other as a learning community to create meaningful change and hopeful action.



## Respect for Diversity

is celebrated, and all forms of identity and ability are respected. Cultural traditions and practices from all people are experienced, valued and appreciated in learning spaces, honouring practices led by that community. Access to safe and engaging learning is available to everyone.

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## Sustainable Communities

act in ways that nurture all aspects of nature, including people, now and in the future. By working together and supporting each other we create safe, healthy, equitable and thriving communities.



## Te Ao Māori

holds unique insights, knowledge and ways of being in relation to the taiao. Honouring this acknowledges the unique relationship of tangata whenua with this land. When we are envisioning and taking action for a sustainable future in our community, we are guided by the history, knowledge, tikanga, traditions and aspirations of local hapū.



## Learning for Sustainability

is a holistic, action and future-focused approach to learning, that engages our whole selves and addresses all aspects of our local and global environment.

