

## Race Unity Speech Awards 2020

### Titiro whakamuri, kia anga whakamua – To face the future, look to the past

This year we're asking speakers to draw on the past to set out their vision for the future of race relations in Aotearoa. This is the 20th annual Race Unity Speech Awards, and the 22nd celebration of Race Relations Day in Aotearoa. Much has been achieved in this time, yet we are more concerned about racism than ever before. What will the next 20 years hold for our nation?

#### Ngā pātai / Questions

You must address at least two of the following four questions in your speech:

1. What can we learn from our ancestors and the leaders of the past about how to eradicate racial prejudice?
2. How might we commemorate events in our past in a way that helps bring about justice and unity today?
3. What do you think race relations in Aotearoa should look like 20 years from now, and what do we need to do now to secure this future?
4. What do New Zealand's leaders and people of influence need to do to support young people in their efforts to improve race relations?

#### Ngā whakatauākī me ngā whakataukī / Quotations and proverbs

You must also include at least one whakataukī (proverb) or whakatauākī (quotation) in your speech, choosing from the following three options:

1. "E tū ki te kei o te waka, kia pakia koe e ngā ngaru o te wā – Stand at the stern of the canoe and feel the spray of the future biting at your face"  
- *Gifted to the New Zealand Police by the late Dr Apirana Mahuika*
2. "Consider not the present condition, but rather foresee the future and the end. A seed in the beginning is very small, but in the end a great tree. One should not consider the seed, but the tree and its abundance of blossoms, leaves and fruits."  
- *Abdu'l-Baha, Baha'i Faith*
3. A relevant quotation or proverb from your own faith or cultural tradition.

You are free to use as many quotations or proverbs as you like in your speech. You are also free to use only part of a longer quotation, such as the Baha'i quote above.

#### Speech requirements

- Speeches can be delivered in English and/or te reo Māori. Quotes or proverbs in other languages may also be included, provided the speaker can translate the meaning for the audience.
- Speeches must be between 7 and 8 minutes in length.
- Lecterns and microphones are not used at the regional level. Speeches will be amplified at the national final.
- By entering, students agree that their image and speech may be used to promote the Speech Awards. However, if any student objects to this, they are asked to advise the organisers, who will respect their decision.