Psych v2.0: Touch, Pause, Engage

Drawing on the metaphor of a rugby call, the scrum between Psychology and Pacific is the stage upon which this workshop is set. This workshop presents an interactive learning environment for understanding Pacific peoples in Aotearoa, the interface of psychology and Pacific, and new understandings for re-informing the practice of psychology with Pacific communities.

Touch
Understanding Pacific worldview
History of Pacific peoples in Aotearoa-New Zealand
Pacific Diaspora
Case examples

Pause
Pacific values and beliefs
NIU (New indigenous Understandings) re-informing psychology
Pacific-indigenous cultural-psychological innovations

Engage
Vā Fealoaloa’i: Pacific-engagement and the art of relating well
Psychologist Cultural competencies and Pacific cultural competencies
Cultural supervision, Supervision and Mentoring
Tuaoi – Cultural boundaries

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