

# COMMON GOOD The Good of Each & All

Catholic Social Teaching  
*Our tradition of justice*



*Te Roopu Haurongo works for the common good by supporting whānau and at risk young people. PHOTO: JOHN WILLIAMS*

**Commitment to the COMMON GOOD means working for the good of all – he painga mā te katoa.**

Our actions have an impact on wider society. It is up to every one of us – governments, communities and individuals – to promote the common

good in all our actions and decisions. This means respecting the rights and responsibilities of all people.

No one should miss out on the opportunity to grow and fulfil their potential. Each and every person deserves to have what they need to survive and to flourish.

*"The common good... the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or individuals, to reach their fulfilment more fully and more easily."*

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