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## Kuia Pauline Tangiora to receive the 2018 Wisdom Fellowship Award in the US in July 2018

Mahia kuia and long-time peacemaker Mrs Pauline Tangiora has recently been announced as the 2018 recipient of the Wisdom Fellowship Award by the Sacred Fire Foundation based in Berkeley in the United States. She will travel there to receive the award on 26 July.

From the <u>Sacred Fire Foundation</u> website:

The **Wisdom Fellowship Award** is presented annually to honor the work of an elder who has demonstrated lifelong achievement in bringing wisdom, leadership and learning to their people and their community.

In this time of turmoil and change, the deep knowing that Indigenous Peoples hold is invaluable if we are to survive. The wisdom of their ways, the respectful relationship they maintain with everything around them, the way in which they demonstrate gratitude, are qualities we could all learn from.

Elders the world over are the keepers of tradition, of profound relationship with the living world and the Sacred. They are the ones who look out for their communities, guiding and teaching them. The work they do is vital, not only to their own communities, but to each one of us. By acknowledging and honoring them, we bring awareness to the importance and relevance of their wisdom and perspective.

If you would like more information about Mrs Tangiora's lifetime of peace work, please look at the <u>Disarmament and Security Centre's website</u> for her CV, publications, and other peace awards she has received.

She can be contacted on her cell phone 021 227 0045.

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