

The Global Suffrage Centre Project is a ground-breaking project exploring how we tell Kate Sheppard's story and the story of mana wahine to the world in order to inspire a better future for women and their children globally, and to advocate for equality and universal suffrage for all.

This is a world-first for women and will be both an entertainment attraction as well as a women's rights centre for the world. A global hub of an international network championing women's education, empowerment and human rights - based in New Zealand.



Spearheaded by Christina Sayers Wickstead and supported by several leading New Zealand women including Theresa Gattung and Dame Anne Salmond - the project is currently exploring global stories that have changed the world, human rights centres in the world, untold stories of suffrage and mana wahine pre-colonisation in New Zealand, cutting edge ways of storytelling and digital communities.

As part of this work creative think tanks are being held with focus groups around New Zealand. The winning entrant in the Kate Edger Charitable Trust 125 Year Suffrage Competition will take part in one of the Auckland sessions and have the chance to give her input into how she thinks this global human rights hub can best impact the future.

The KEECT is delighted to have been working with Christina in the ideation phase for this centre and to be offering this historical opportunity to a Year 13 school leaver.