

WAIKATO ARTIST

## MICHAEL MOORE

A descendant of Taupiri Maunga, Tainui Waka, Waikato Awa and Ngati Maniapoto, Michael Moore is a spoken word artist and creative developer from the Waikato, As a writer Michael attributes his inspiration to the words of his Tipuna both near and far, and focuses his pen on scribing new horizons for the young indigenous men of the modern world with the past in mind.

With an extensive background in youth work, Michael has a passion for seeking out and sharing light across his local community through the art of spoken word and believes that if we learn to articulate the realities in which we live with conviction, then we gift ourselves choice and control in our lives.

Michael was selected as a Mentor because of his love for working with young Maori men in the region, his ability to teach storytelling, have young men speak out loud and embed spoken word into the often hidden corners of our community is a critical piece in this project.

## SPOKEN WORD MENTOR