

Major Corporate Nominees for Digital Identity NZ Executive Council seats

Ben Dakers, Datacom

My current role is Associate Director for customer practice at Datacom, primarily with my eye on NZ and collaborating with Australia on group outcomes. My group is focused on significantly enhancing the way Datacom engages with customers, both operationally and strategically for greater future relevance. As a large employer, I believe Datacom has an important contributing role to play in market initiatives. After spending 14 years living in London, I returned to NZ in 2017. I was most proud of driving culture and business change at scale in complex organisations. I built skills and experience through programme management, consulting, director roles in technology and business change. Prior to returning home I led digital and culture change journeys for large global orgs, these initiatives provided me with experience in advocacy and adoption of change at scale in political environments.

It's fantastic to be home and an activate contributor to the business community. As Chair of the Wynyard Innovation Neighbourhood, I'm collaborating with leading NZ businesses and keenly involved in Datacom's sustainability strategy. I'm an optimist and passionate believer in the benefits that digital identity can bring to Aotearoa, but realistic in that we have a challenging journey ahead to match the ambition. I love both contributing and advocating in market, whilst learning from those around me in this space. I bring skills in positivity, facilitation, mentoring, and influencing, and I am a servant leader - who enables others to succeed. My key areas of contribution in the last year on the executive council beyond governance and advocacy have been in shaping market research, and co-chairing our working group and report on inclusive and equitable use of Digital identity in Aotearoa.

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Judith Hanna, Amazon

Tēnā koutou Digital Identity New Zealand (DINZ) Members, my name is Judith Hanna, Public Policy Manager at AWS and I would like to put myself forward as a candidate for the Digital Identity Executive Council. I believe it is a really exciting time for digital identity technologies in Aotearoa. I am seeking election to the Digital Identity Executive Council because I believe I can bring a set of unique perspectives and experiences to the important mahi the DINZ council has. I have a strong personal commitment to the NZTech boards diversity and inclusion policy across all its dimensions including gender, age, race, regional, skills and experience diversity.

My very first job was working for a non-profit in Tāmaki Makaurau, Auckland trying to improve community service delivery to rangatahi, youth who weren't connecting with mainstream education. And for 10 years, I have worked in public policy roles including working on trade policy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT). I have spent the last five years based in Tokyo: First as a diplomat on assignment from MFAT; and then at AWS Japan in the Public Policy team. I also was Executive Director at the Australian and New Zealand Chamber of Commerce in Japan for two years over which time I learnt the ins-and-outs of good governance of an industry body which is similar in size and ambition to DINZ. As Public Policy Manager at AWS New Zealand, I am based in Pōneke, Wellington and focus a lot of my work in responding to and helping the New Zealand Government's technology policy developments, including as it relates to cloud technology. During my time at AWS I have been involved in the DINZ biometrics privacy review working group which was a rewarding

experience getting to connect with many of you and looking forward to connecting with more of you to hear your unique perspectives on identity and privacy issues in technology.

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Julia Nicol, Worldline

As Head of Public Affairs for Worldline New Zealand, I actively engage and participate in regulatory processes to influence legislative development and change. If elected as an Executive Council member, I will advocate publicly and privately to assist DINZ in delivering its primary objective. This objective to help New Zealand's transformation as a digital nation in a sustainable, inclusive and trustworthy way, is very much aligned with Worldline's strategy and my own personal ethos. We have a short hiatus while the DISTF Bill is making its way through Parliament, but more work is to be done under that legislation, particularly if the rules, standards, and governance are to be in place by 1 January 2024. I want to help in ensuring that: i) Government is listening to DINZ's expert membership; ii) a sensible regulatory regime is in place; iii) there's a level playing field when it comes to public and private sector service providers; and iv) there is a positive narrative around bridging the physical and digital worlds. I am an advocate for local innovation. I want to see all kinds of digital identity services being made available to New Zealanders. Technology should help people's lives, make things more simple, more inclusive, and safe - it should not make life more difficult, be a barrier, more complex, or leave us vulnerable. With the misinformation that has been circling around digital identity, effective communication on the benefits and safeguards of these services is key. I want to raise awareness of how digital identity services will help to protect personal information and give users the reassurance via authentication that people, products, goods, services, qualifications, origin, methods - all things, are what they say they are.

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Russell Craig, Microsoft

I am seeking re-election as a DiNZ Executive Councillor because of my deep and long-standing professional and personal interest and experience in digital identity, which I see as being fundamentally important to Aotearoa New Zealand's ongoing development as a digital nation. The ways in which we choose to use, or not use, digital identity will have long-term impacts on our society and the economy. In particular, I am concerned that, as an industry, we focus on the question of ethical and inclusive use of digital identity. There is great deal at stake in this area, with many views that we need to hear, understand and respond to as an industry, and so I am pleased to be playing a foundational role in the DiNZ working group that has been established to focus on this question.

In my role at Microsoft I am privileged to focus on many facets of technology, and the opportunities and challenges it presents to New Zealand. Amongst all of that I place a high priority on digital identity, being the executive sponsor of major Microsoft-based digital identity initiatives across government and the private sector. I also work closely with our global identity engineering, product and policy teams working on digital identity in many countries. In combination, this gives me great insight in the world of digital identity at an international level, which I believe is valuable in terms of what I can bring to the DiNZ Executive Council. I also get to engage with many specialist digital identity businesses, and am very keen to play a role in supporting a thriving digital identity industry ecosystem in Aotearoa.

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