

Boopsie Maran, Places for Good

Boopsie Maran is the founder and director of Places for Good, a collaborative of community advocates, planners, landscape architects, activators, and community-minded, team-players applying resilience and grit to projects across Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland.

The driving force behind her mahi (work) is her commitment to share her global experience and apply a fresh perspective to local projects with, strategic localised engagement, and a willingness to fail in order to mitigate change. It is the small neighbourhood actions and interactions that can lead to huge transformations.

Her tactical urbanism work places a significant priority on action-oriented partnerships with schools, artists, and citizen-experts.

She has been a guest lecturer at the University of Auckland Faculty of Education & Social work on the topics of Te Reo Integration in the classroom and climate resiliency.

She is a PlacemakingX Regional Network Leader and Speaker at the International Placemaking Week, Chattanooga, Tennessee: Cross Cultural Relationships and Honouring Indigenous Knowledge, October 2019.

She is member of the Australasian Placemaking Forum, Women Urbanism Aotearoa, and Te Whānau-ā-Apanui ki Tamaki Makaurau Covid-19 Response and Strategy Ropu (Team).

Most recently Boopsie was awarded a highly commended award from the Auckland Transport Travelwise Choices Superior Grassroots Action Category. She has since been elected to join the Global Advisory Board on Public Space for City Space Architecture.