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### **Financial Services Council launches Emerging Leader Programme**

The Financial Services Council (FSC) has launched an exciting new Emerging Leader Programme to help nurture, support and grow talent across the sector.

The programme is designed for financial services professionals that are demonstrating outstanding commitment and want to expand their experience, knowledge and networks.

Emerging Leaders will launch at the FSC's Towards Wellbeing Conference on 11 September with a dedicated one-day programme for participants designed to debate sector wide issues as well as to learn how to better balance their own, their team and their customer's wellbeing.

Richard Klipin, CEO of the Financial Services Council, said "It is essential that the industry prepares the leaders of tomorrow and that we ensure that those leading our sector in 10, 20 or 30 years' time are immersed in the big issues of today. This programme has been designed to support that.

"Conduct, culture and delivering the best possible consumer outcomes will be a constant and getting the sectors youngest and smartest to focus on these wider issues now will develop new ways of thinking for future innovation."

The Financial Services Council also launched nominations for the Emerging Leaders Award, new for 2019, that is open to the emerging superstars across the industry who are showing real talent and commitment in playing their part in shaping the future of the industry.

Mark Daniels, a previous FSC award winner and the FSC's Emerging Leader champion said, "being a part of this growing industry, helping to drive great customer outcomes and improving the financial wellbeing of New Zealanders is a passion of mine. Supporting the industry's future leaders through the FSC's Emerging Leaders programme is one way of really making a difference."

The awards will be announced at the 2019 Gala Awards Dinner that is being held on the evening following the Emerging Leader sessions.

Leading part of the programme is Kathryn Jackson, author of the UK shortlisted Best International Book and finalist for the 2019 Australian Career Book Awards, *Resilience at Work*.

“Focusing on wellbeing through initiatives such as this is fundamental in today’s modern society. The financial services sector can be complex and demanding as emerging leaders develop their careers, so it is important that we equip them with the tools to grow resilience at work as well as put in place resources to support them.” said Jackson.

“Managing a healthy work balance, especially as careers grow, is key to developing a wellbeing mindset that benefits everyone, and we are looking forward to starting this journey with our emerging leaders at the conference on the 11 September.” concluded Klipin.

There are limited spaces available on the Emerging Leaders Programme and those that work in the financial services industry can find out more at <https://www.towardswellbeing.co.nz/emerging-leaders.html>.

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### **Notes to editors**

Find out more and register for the Financial Services Council 2019 Towards Wellbeing Conference at [www.towardswellbeing.co.nz](http://www.towardswellbeing.co.nz).

Find out more about the 2019 Awards and nominate at <https://www.towardswellbeing.co.nz/awards.html>

### **About Mark Daniels**

Mark has recently been appointed as Chief Transformation Officer at Fidelity Life, is an active member of the Financial Services Council and is leading the insurance stream at the 2019 Towards Wellbeing Conference. Mark won the FSC’s Rising Star Award in 2017.

### **About Kathryn Jackson**

Kathryn is an author, coach and consultant specialising in resilience at work. During the shaky years of the Christchurch earthquakes, Kathryn was presented with a unique opportunity to work alongside several academic teams who were studying organisational resilience. This led her to an accidental specialism in exploring wellbeing and resilience at work. From this experience,

Kathryn authored the shortlisted Business Book Awards UK – Best International Book and finalist for the 2019 Australian Career Book Awards ‘Resilience at Work: Practical Tools for Career Success’. Find out more at [www.careerbalance.co.nz](http://www.careerbalance.co.nz).

### **About the Financial Services Council (FSC)**

The Financial Services Council is a non-profit member organisation and the voice of the financial services sector in New Zealand. Our 44 members comprise 95% of the life insurance market in New Zealand and manage funds of more than \$47.5bn. Members include the major insurers in life, disability and income insurance, fund managers, KiwiSaver, professional services and technology providers to the financial services sector.

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### **Towards Wellbeing National Conference - 11 and 12 September 2019, Auckland**



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