Presenter Profile

Shannon Scown

Shannon has an interest in strategy and governance and is a happily vocal advocate for the value of diversity of thought representation in leadership and strategy planning. She is a trustee of the Monte Cecilia Housing Trust, which provides emergency supported housing to families who are homeless or with a serious housing need. She is also Chair of House of Science Auckland Board, which provides quality science resources to schools and professional learning for teachers to promote positive engagement with science in all its forms.

Shannon works with several organisations across New Zealand's science innovation ecosystem, including as business development manager for the Dodd-Walls Centre for Photonic and Quantum Technologies and running a growing consultancy company. She has a BSc(Genetics) and a Post Graduate Diploma and Masters in Bioscience Enterprise from the University of Auckland and comes from a tech transfer background, in which she negotiated contracts between universities and industry, and then moved on to proposal and policy management to hone her skill in creating successful proposals.

She lives in Auckland with her husband and four tamariki aged 1-15.