

Presenter Profile

Lola Toppin-Casserly



Lola Toppin-Casserly has 20 years' experience in a public service career across the UK and New Zealand.

Lola has a growing governance portfolio, which includes the Governance NZ Wellington Committee. Lola encourages best practice in governance roles, including supporting

more diversity of perspectives and individuals.

Lola is an advocate for more ethical practices and ethical leadership in our organisations and institutions, between individuals and society more widely, and has published in this area. Lola is currently pursuing a PhD at Victoria University, researching 'Ethical Leadership in Governance'. Her particular research question is: Are boards with more ethical leaders less overcome with group politics, and thereby more effective? Interestingly, this is not necessarily the case due to group dynamics that play out in teams across our organisations, including boards.