

PRESENTATIONS POP IN NZTC SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

DATE: Friday 5 August 2016
TIME: 9am to 4.30pm
VENUE: NZTC Auckland Campus, Level 2,
1 Marewa Rd, Greenlane, Auckland



International keynote speaker:
Luis A. Hernandez

Leaders, educators, policy makers and early childhood experts are set to share their ideas and expertise on the topic of *ECE Leadership in our Times* on 5 August at the annual NZTC Symposium.

International keynote speaker Luis Hernandez and the Ministry of Education's Director of Early Learning Nancy Bell are just two of the highlights on the newly released program.

NZTC students, alumni and all people with an interest in early childhood education can enhance their understanding of leadership with presentations, workshops, a poster session, as well as hearing from a panel of experts at this professional development day.

The symposium will kick off with a presentation from Luis Hernandez, a front runner in ECE management and leadership topics, and co-author of *Learning from the Bumps in the Road* – a compilation of presentations and conversations with leaders in early childhood education.

This is the first time Luis has returned to New Zealand since the World Forum in 2002, presenting on the key ingredients of being a leader and the importance of staying open to new ideas in order to grow.

Delegates will also have the opportunity to hear Nancy Bell share the Ministry of Education's early childhood education priorities and what they will mean for the sector moving forward.

"We are honoured to host Luis, Nancy and all of the 2016 NZTC Symposium presenters who are taking time out of their busy schedules to come and share insights and engage in learning conversations together around critical topics of leadership for our early childhood community," said NZTC Chief Executive Selena Fox.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DAY INCLUDE:

- ▶ **Marjolein Whyte** - *Parents emerging as leaders supporting their child in the teaching-learning process*
- ▶ **Helen Wrightson and Lee-Anne Turton** - *Challenging positional authority: Navigating leadership as collaboration*
- ▶ **Jacoba Matapo** - *Navigating leadership in Pasifika early childhood settings: Traversing the tides of change*



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INSPIRATIONAL ALUMNI MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Helen Topliss

Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Education)

Helen Topliss completed a Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Education) in 2010 and has gone on to become a lead teacher at Reach Forward Learning Centre in Albany, Auckland. She is still closely tied with New Zealand Tertiary College as she is an Associate Teacher (AT) mentoring students as they leap into their careers in early childhood education.

When Topliss first started studying in 2007, it was the foundational year of the degree. She says it was exciting to be at the beginning of something and formed a tight-knit bond with her classmates and lecturers as they embarked on the journey together.

She was in her 50s, a mature student, but her age was no barrier to forming friendships or learning at a tertiary level. She says a highlight for her was receiving her first distinction on a paper, something she was not sure she would be able to do.

“I had no background in tertiary education. I had no idea whether I could meet the expectation of doing a degree.”

She was able to fit study around being the full-time caregiver for her son who suffered a traumatic brain injury in a car accident. She volunteered at a kindergarten to complete the practical component of her degree which meant that she could fit her 16 hours in a centre around her husband’s shifts at work.

After she graduated, she noticed that a new centre was being built only five minutes from her house and landed a job at



Alumni Helen Topliss with NZTC Lecturer Ra Keelan

Reach Forward Learning Centre. She was promoted to lead teacher in 2015 and her responsibilities include managing the curriculum, staff and liaising with parents.

She finds working with children exciting as they can be so honest, a little too honest at times.

When writing down her age on a piece of paper, a child turned to her and said ‘Wow, that’s lots!’

Through her role as an AT she gets to switch gears and mentor adults.

“It challenges me to question my practice and to relate my own, and our centre’s beliefs, to someone else. Answering students’ questions keeps me up to date and inspires me to keep learning myself.”

Through being an AT, she has discovered that teaching adults can be just as rewarding as teaching children and says her passion is teaching regardless of age.

DID YOU KNOW?

Over 5000 of our *Te Reo Māori: He taonga mō ā tātou mokopuna* (He Taonga) resources are going to be personally delivered to early childhood centres by NZTC free of charge.

The learning resource was independently funded by the College as a practical support for early childhood centres to teach te reo Māori.

To date more than 3500 books have been hand delivered to centres throughout the country. Further copies are also available for purchase from **NZTC Books**.



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May 9-12, 2017

SKYCITY Auckland Convention Centre



Children as peace builders in conflict situations, children impacted by HIV/AIDS and men in early childhood education are just some of the topics planned to be discussed at next year's World Forum on Early Care and Education at the SKYCITY Auckland Convention Centre.

Early childhood leaders and practitioners from more than 80 countries will gather in Auckland from May 9-12, 2017 to discuss the delivery of quality services to young children in diverse settings.

New Zealand Tertiary College (NZTC) are proud to be a leading supporter of the forum and are working alongside the Early Childhood Council (ECC) to bring together over 800 early childhood professionals from around the world.

NZTC has been a long-time supporter of the World Forum Foundation with Chief Executive Selena Fox involved with the organisation since 2000. She has held many positions over the years including New Zealand National Representative, Vice President and she is currently a Board Member.

"The World Forum provides a unique opportunity for early childhood practitioners and specialists from around the globe to come together to share ideas about education for young children worldwide."

New Zealand was selected to host the forum following an intensive bidding process. The country's commitment to early childhood education as well as its natural and cultural treasure troves ensured a win for New Zealand.

More than 250 early childhood international professionals will share their unique perspective on their area of expertise to early childhood teachers, trainers, consultants, NGO leaders, researchers, advocates, and public officials as well as anyone with an interest in early childhood education.

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