

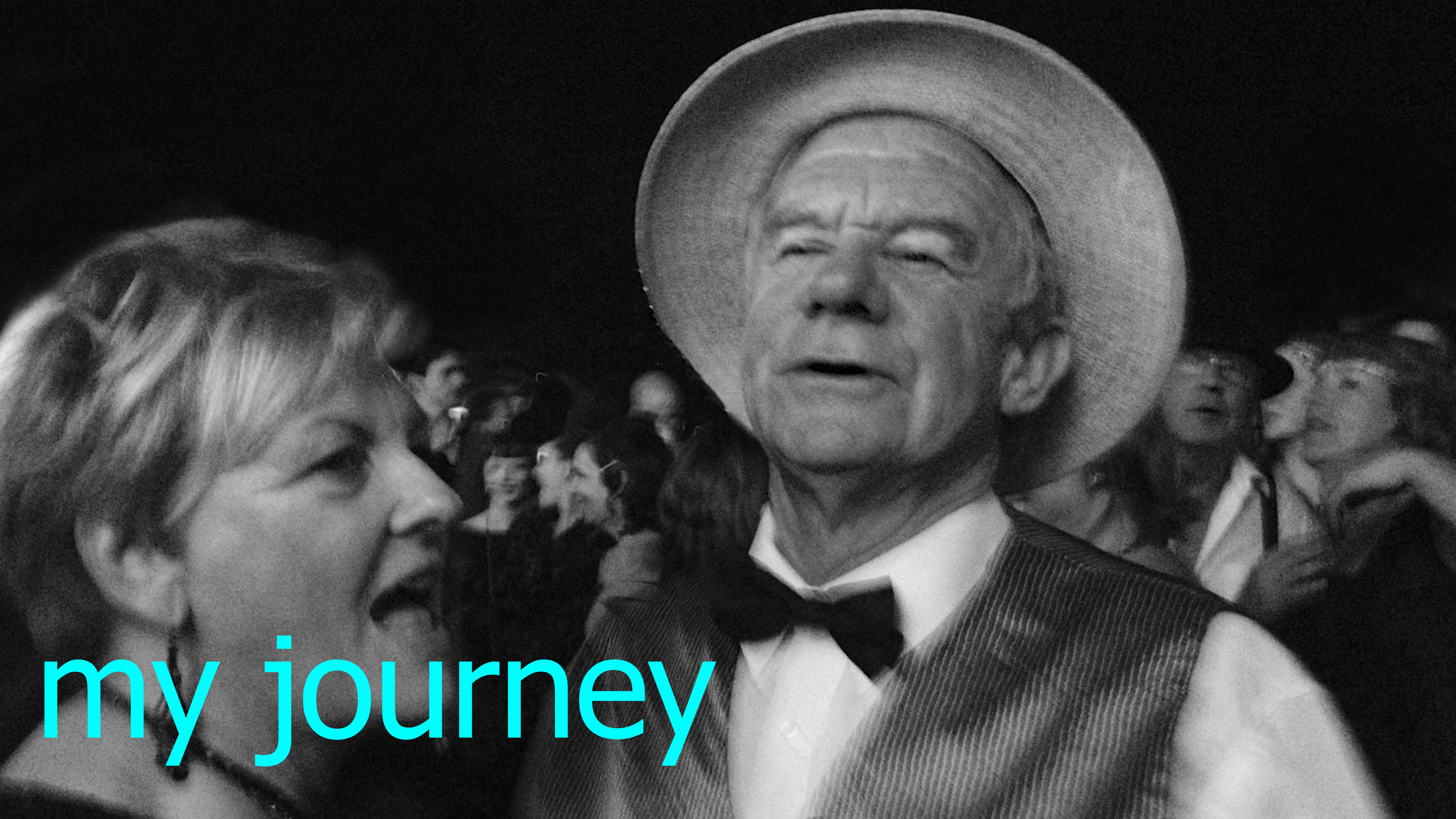


# ALWAYS A LEARNER

thoughts after thirty years working in the  
adult and community education sector

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my journey





teacher, remote primary principal





REAP Wairarapa





education can  
change the world





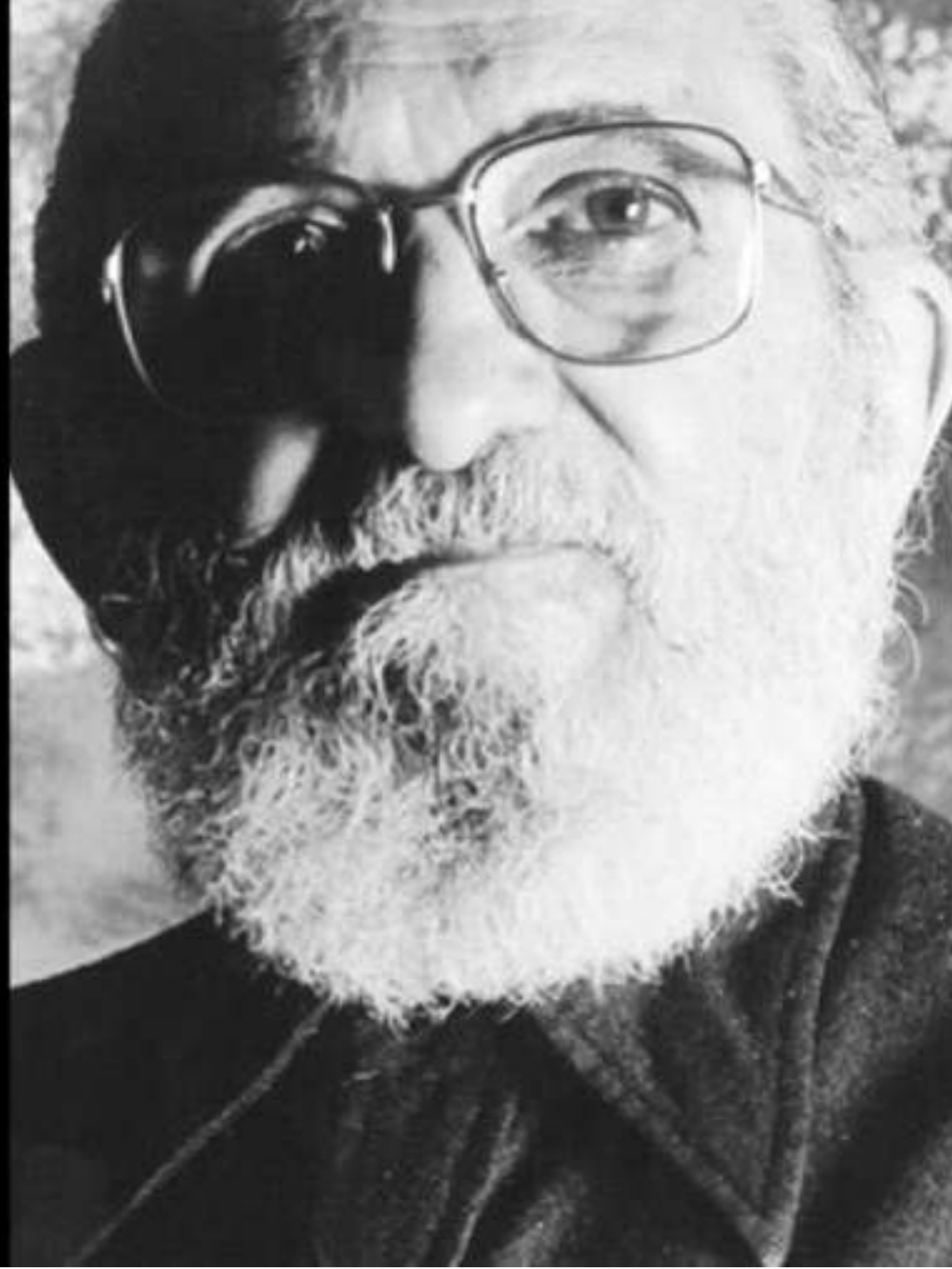
**"Education is the  
most powerful  
weapon we can use  
to change the world"**

*Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela*



Education  
doesn't change  
the world.  
Education  
changes people.  
People change  
the world.

*Paulo Freire*



***Paulo  
Freire***  
said this  
differently





advocating for change





not accepting the status quo





ACE Aotearoa



the value  
of adult  
and  
community  
education





When compared to other community-based activities, adult and community education is likely to have one of the highest added values in economic terms, as it is largely focused on improving people's productive lives through learning.



Additionally, the benefits of enhanced learning are likely to have implications in all areas of an individual's life, whether as employees, parents or members of the community.



# A note of caution

- the system of learner hours means that many providers focus on the wrong things
- ACE is not about meeting contractual outcomes but rather people outcomes
- So, instead, concentrate on the changes in the lives of the people we work with



# Leadership Summary

- belief in what we are doing and especially why we are doing it
- constantly learning
- being brave
- trusting in our peers