

Adult and Community Education (ACE) Conference
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Theme | Ka pū ka hao Leadership

Ka pū ka hao comes from the whakatauki "Ka pū te ruha, ka hao te rangatahi" (as an old net withers, a new one is made). It acknowledges the importance of wisdom, leadership and guidance as well as the important energy and strength of youth coming through and leading in a different way.

ACE is a leading sector in tertiary education. It consistently demonstrates innovative practice and a commitment to learner-centred teaching and learning. Like all sectors ACE must be proactive in succession planning and capability building, and reflect on how it provides leadership opportunities and pathways for everyone.

Our 2023 ACE conference will address the urgency of succession planning on the back of retiring legacy leaders with the intention of encouraging action around increasing youth participation and seeing ACE as a valid career pathway. We will examine leadership in a variety of contexts - in te ao Māori and Pasifika, as tumuaki of an organisation, as a Board member and ACE practitioner.

Logo

The Conference logo with the phrase Kia tu kahikatea makes reference to the White Pine or Kahikatea forests that grow on frequently flooded, swampy ground. To survive the flooding, the roots and trunks of these trees are intertwined for support so the trees are not easily pushed over – a wonderful image for the ACE sector in which support and working together for the greater good are highly valued.

Mihi Whakatau | Welcome

Participants attending the 2023 ACE Conference will be following the process that observes the kawa (protocol) of tangata whenua (local people).

Manuhiri (visitors) are to gather near the registration area at at the conference venue. ACE Aotearoa team members and Board will be there to meet you. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the mihi whakatau to receive instruction on the proceedings. All mobile phones should be turned off at this time, and food or drinks discarded.

- 1. Kaikaranga (local host female caller) begins the powhiri with a karanga (call) to welcome you. The manuhiri kaikaranga (visitors female caller) will reply and lead you onto the marae atea (courtyard) and into the wharenui (venue). Wahine (women) are required to lead at the front of the procession, and tane (men) to follow behind. The karanga exchange will continue as the group moves forward, acknowledging those who have passed away and extending the welcome to the group. Please move as a group staying close behind the manuhiri kaikaranga (visitors female caller).
- 2. Hongi is where two people gently press noses together, an action that symbolises a connection of the breath of life. It demonstrates that the manuhiri has been accepted into the wharenui in peace. You may hariru (shake hands) if appropriate, generally follow the lead from the local hosts. You may acknowledge tangata whenua by saying 'Tenā koe' followed by their name if it is known. After the hongi, make your way to your seat and remain standing. Please note that men are required to sit at the front, and women behind.
- 3. Karanga whakatau – after this final call of welcome, you may be seated.
- 4. Whaikorero (male speaker) from the local host will welcome you. It is usual to start with a karakia (spiritual acknowledgement or focus statement). They will also acknowledge the kaupapa (purpose) for the event. A waiata (song) will follow each speaker to enhance and support what has been said. The opportunity to speak is then handed over to respond. The whaikorero is concluded by the local host.
- 5. Whakanoa is the process of removing the sacredness in the formalities of the ceremony, by sharing kai (food) with each other. This process will conclude the formal welcome.

Hongi and Hariru Guidelines

As you are about to hongi and hariru with a person say "Tena koe" then, shake hands using your right hand, lean forward, lift the face, touch the forehead of the person you will hongi with (this will allow your nose to lightly press the nose of the person you are greeting). The hongi is a gentle pressing of the nose, not a rubbing from side to side.

The term used when greeting someone for the first time is "Tēnā koe" phonetically pronounced:





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Photographic Services

Our conference photographer, Jo Moore will be taking photographs throughout the conference. These photographs will appear on the website and may be used in publicity materials. If you do not wish to have your photograph taken, please let Jo know.

Video

Our videographers from Big River Creative will also be at the conference capturing imagery for use on our ACE Aotearoa social media channels. If you do not want to be videoed, just let them know.

Our Conference Partners







Adult and Community Education is offered through schools, specialist non-government organisations such as Literacy Aotearoa and English Language Partners New Zealand, some Polytechnics, Rural Education Activities Programmes, continuing education departments of universities, Workers' Educational Associations, private training establishments, work places, health and social service organisations, community centres, unions, marae and other hapu/ iwi and Māori organisations, as well as through a very large number of community-based, faith-based and cultural groups and organisations.

These activities are funded through a variety of government and philanthropic sources. The Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) funds approximately 300 ACE providers and accounts for just over half of all the funding for adult and community education.

Because of the diversity of adult learning on offer in Aotearoa and the way it is delivered in communities, it is difficult to accurately determine how many learners might be engaged at any one time. However a recent survey which asked ACE Aotearoa members to provide data on their learners and the range of learning offered by their organisations, indicated that over 62,000 learners were engaged in over 12,000 programmes. This is a conservative estimate only but shows that lifelong learning is alive and well in Aotearoa.

Kaiwhakahaere | Master of Ceremonies

Pale Sauni

Pale returns to our conference as MC bringing the magic and the music we look forward to every year. Pale has worked with Pasifika and Māori in the education space for over thirty years and is an ACE Aotearoa Board member. He is also lead facilitator for the ACE Aotearoa Capability project in Auckland and Northland and Pasifika Advisor to Ako Aotearoa. A regular at the ACE Conference, Hui Fono and other key ACE events, Pale is a highly skilled facilitator with a deep knowledge of the sector and a unique style which follows the principle "if you're not having fun, you're not learning."



Ngā Kaikōrero | Speakers and Panelists



Precious Clark Chief Executive, Maurea Consulting

Precious Clark (Ngāti Whātua, Te Uri o Hau, Waikato, Ngāti Pāoa, Ngāti Hē and Pākehā) is the Chief Executive of Maurea Consulting, a Māori owned organisation with a vision to see Māori culture drive Aotearoa New Zealand forward.

A creative at heart, Precious designed the highly acclaimed Te Kaa - Igniting your Māori Cultural Competency training programme and drives Te Kaa's mission to help 10,000 people positively identify with Māori culture.

Precious weaves her skills as a facilitator, cultural practitioner, business woman, professional director, lawyer, leader and teacher to deliver an engaging and enriching programme that is impacting on how New Zealand leverages off our unique cultural landscape.

Precious is a Director of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Trust; Chair of Te Taumata-a-lwi (Māori Advisory Board to Auckland Museum), Chair of Te Tira Kautū (Māori Advisory Board to Southern Cross Health Society). She is a member of the NZ Institute of Directors and Te Hunga Roia Māori o Aotearoa (Māori Lawyers Association).

She is a former Director on Whai Rawa Ltd (Property and investment), Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board, Centre for Social Impact, Trustee of Foundation North, a former member of the Independent Māori Statutory Board and the ASB Community Council.

Being entrenched in her Māori culture, she draws confidence to teach her culture, and also to challenge perceptions within, and of, her culture.

Precious is of Ngāti Whātua ki Tāmaki, Te Uri o Hau, Waikato, Ngāti Hē, Ngāti Pāoa and Pākehā descent. She has two tamariki, loves being connected to nature and is passionate about wāhine leadership.

Wayfinding Leadership Model



Caroline Taripo-Keith

Caroline is currently a facilitator for the Tui Tuia Learning Circle Pasifika Team. She is an experienced practitioner having worked across a range of educational settings in England, France, Spain and New Zealand for over 25 years. In 2018 Caroline stepped into a Community of Learning (CoL) position leading the development of a well-being strategy.

For the past four years, she has specialised in applying indigenous Pacific models to better understand how services and programmes meet the needs of the Pacific communities they serve. Caroline places students and their whanau and communities at the centre of what she does. acknowledging the richness of their voice and the power this has to influence change.



Russell Su'a

Russell has a lived experience of growing up as a New Zealand born Samoan in Puketāpapa (Mt Roskill, Auckland). His parents were part of the early wave of immigrants who came to Aotearoa in the 1950's.

Russell has taught in primary and secondary schools and has had roles as a Resource Teacher Learning & Behaviour (RTLB) and HOD (Multicultural). Russell works in Pacific communities building relationships between those communities and the education sector. He has developed homework centres. parent/ school fono. Polyfest and Pasifika sports groups, and tailored PLD for staff in primary and secondary schools.

Russell also mentors Pacific student leaders and classroom teachers using Pacific methodologies. He is currently doing mahi with the University of Waikato in the area of restorative practice, providing professional development for whole school and community.



Donna Southworth

Donna is a highly experienced Cook Island-European educator with over 25 years' experience in the primary school sector. She is the current Emerging Director for Te Rau Puāwai Education Trust, a contractor with the University of Waikato and a co-director of 'Hear our Story Ltd'.

Donna has extensive specialist teaching experience working in many West Auckland schools. In response to the launch of Tapasā in 2018. Donna alongside her Pacific colleagues established the 'Pacific Wayfinders Community of Practice' in Central West Auckland. This ignited a passion for 'Wayfinding Leadership'. She continues to support leaders to step into their 'Rangatira Space'.



Susie Talimalo-Ikihele

Susie is a New Zealand born Samoan with over 30 years' teaching experience from new entrant to tertiary and including extensive specialist teaching experience in many South Auckland schools. She is an accredited. Incredible Years teacher facilitator, a peer coach for teachers, and a trained facilitator for IY autism and parenting programmes.

Susie is currently a facilitator for Rteach Institute, contracting to the Paraprofessional Learning Centre, University of Waikato, Co-director of 'Hear our Story Ltd' and Director of Behind the Smile Consultancy ltd. Susie believes leadership starts with service and supporting leaders to know who they are. The 'Wayfinding Leadership' journey challenges her to step into her 'Rangatira Space' and true 'Calling'. She continues to encourage and support leaders on their journey through 'Wayfinding Leadership'.

Legacy Panel | Wednesday June 14, 1:15pm



Bronwyn Yates

Ngāti Rangiwewehi, Ngāti Whakaue, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāti Maniapoto, Rongowhakaata, Te Aitanga a Māhaki

Bronwyn has worked in the community education and voluntary sector primarily in adult literacy for more than thirty years. In 1991 she was appointed Te Apiha Kaiwhakahaere o Te Motu of Te Whiri Kaupapa Ako, the Māori Development arm of the Adult Reading and Learning Assistance Federation - ARLA (now Literacy Aotearoa) in a joint CEO position. In 1992 she became the organisation's Te Tumuaki and was a key driver in the restructuring process which saw ARLA Federation become Literacy Aotearoa Inc. The model was based on tino rangātiratanga and guided by the principles of manaaki tangata.

Bronwyn has been a passionate advocate for ACE and contributed enormously to the sector as a member of the Adult Education and Community Learning Working Party, a member of the TEC ACE Professional Development Working Party, a Board member of the National Resource Centre and ACE Aotearoa and as a founding member of the ACE Professional Development Steering Group. She has represented Aotearoa at International forums including CONFINTEA V1. In 2017 she was the recipient of the ACE Aotearoa Member of the Year Award Tangata Whenua.



Alan Addison

Alan has had a long and varied career in education. His experience includes managing school-based adult and community education programmes in central Auckland for nearly 20 years, being involved in pre-school education management in Sydney, managing staff in a special education facility on Auckland's North Shore and being a senior manager in schools.

Alan has worked as an English teacher and Principal in Singapore and on his return to New Zealand in 2015, he undertook a role in adult education as a relationship manager for Onehunga high school.

He has been an executive committee member for CLANZ (Community Learning Association New Zealand), ICEA (International Council for Adult Education) and ASPBAE (Asia South Pacific Basic Adult Education).

Alan established and ran his own tourist guest-house and is now retired.



Peter McNeur

Peter was Kaiwhakahaere Director of Wairarapa REAP for thirty years and actively involved in ACE at a national level for over twenty years. He was chair of the National Resource Centre for Adult and Community Learning between 1996 and 2003 and was instrumental in ensuring that the ACE House at 192 Tinakori Rd was gifted to ACE Aotearoa by the Resource Centre. As a member of the ACE Actearoa Executive from 2003-2005 and 2009-2010. Peter steered the organisation through some very challenging times. He was a member of the Ministry of Education Charters and Profiles Development Group, the NZQA ACE Quality Assurance Working Group, the Tertiary Education ACE Professional Development Working Party and a foundation member of the ACE Aotearoa Professional Development Steering Group. He was the recipient of the ACE Actearoa Member of the Year Award Tangata Tiriti in 2015.

Youth Panel | Wednesday June 14, 2:45pm



Alexia Hilbertidou

Alexia is the CEO of GirlBoss NZ - the school project which has grown to become Aotearoa's largest organisation for young women. Founded when Alexia was just 16. GirlBoss now has 13 and a half thousand members

Alexia's mission is to get women to the table- the boardroom table that is, and she believes the decisions made while young are crucial in paving the way.

Alexia has received over 30 awards for her work including being named the Pacific Young Entrepreneur of the Year, Semi-Finalist for Young New Zealander of the Year, the Most Influential NZ Woman under 25 at the Westpac Women of Influence Award, 2021 Commonwealth Covid-19 Hero, Forbes 30 under 30 2021, and Finalist for World Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2020

Alexia was also awarded a Queen's Young Leader Award for Services to the Commonwealth by Her Majesty, The Queen, at Buckingham Palace. She was selected from over 20,000 nominations and is the youngest Commonwealth Citizen to hold this honour.

Through her jaw-dropping stories. Alexia proves that you are never too young (or too short) to create change.



Shay Wright

Shay is a social entrepreneur, and a founder of Te Whare Hukahuka. TeachFirst NZ. and recently OurOra. He provides thought leadership and strategic advice to Government agencies, Māori organisation governance boards and education and industry leaders. Weaving the threads of business innovation and entrepreneurship with ancestral wisdom, indigenous practices, spirituality, and social change, Shay is helping shift consciousness and organisations to be a force for good to solve challenges in our communities and in the world.

Shay is of Te Rarawa, Ngāpuhi and Taranaki descent, and has a global connection with leaders as a previous Obama Foundation leader, through the Forbes Asia '30 Under 30' list of Social Entrepreneurs, and as an Edmund Hilary Fellow.



Barney Wikitera

Barney Wikitera-Kuki is a proud Westie, moulded by his humble Niue Nena and staunch Ngapuhi Kuia that has led him into a life of service. He dreamt of becoming a High School teacher to inspire those on the fringes just like him but that dream was shattered as he got involved in youth gangs and was sentenced to prison. He worked hard whilst inside graduating with a Bachelor's Degree on release, then a Masters degree.

After a decade working in the mentoring/ advocacy space in South Auckland, he has co-founded the Brotherhood Continues Charitable Trust whose vision is to build young men into leaders of tomorrow, today.



Te Rātaka | Conference Programme

Wednesday June 14

Conference registration open at the arrivals desk	Registration desk
Mihi whakatau	Hotel foyer
MC welcome/announcements and morning tea	
Presentation Precious Clark	Main space
Discussion and feedback – What is good leadership? What does effective leadership look like in your world or experience?	
Lunch	
Legacy Panel: Peter McNeur, Bronwyn Yates and Alan Addison – tips for emerging leaders	
Pale – Scrum exercise	
Youth Panel: Alexia Hilbertidou, Shay Wright, Barney Wikitera	
Day 1 wrap / group photo / afternoon tea	
Dinner and Awards	
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Thursday June 15

9:00am	Gathering – announcements and introductions	Main space
9:10am	Presentation – Auckland Wayfinding Network Caroline Taripo-Keith, Russell Su'a, Donna Southworth and Susie Talimalo-Ikihele	Main space
9:40am	Workshops Session 1	
10:40am	Morning tea	
11:00am	Workshops Session 2	
12:00pm	Lunch	
1:00pm	Sector updates / International – Robbie Guevara	Main space
1:45pm	Wrap / Evaluation	
2:30-3:00pm	Whakakapi, afternoon tea and departures	Main space

Workshops Session 1 Programme | Thursday June 15

Workshops Session 1 9:40-10:40am Choose ONE

Presenter	Workshop Title	Room
Tai Samaeli and Jennifer Leahy	Leading through Quality ACE Teaching Standards	Conference Room 1
Caroline Taripo-Keith, Russell Su'a, Donna Southworth and Susie Talimalo-Ikihele	Practical Applications for the Wayfinding Leadership Model	Conference Room 2
Robbie Guevara and Peter Foaese	Learning to Lead – Reflecting on the Asia South Pacific Basic Adult Education (ASPBAE) Leadership Programme	Clifton Room
Raniera Petersen	Mau Rākau	Banquet Room

Workshops Session 1 Presenters

Leading through Quality ACE Teaching Standards

Tai Samaeli and Jennifer Leahy

Over the past decade, Jennifer and Tai have become a dynamic team delivering interactive and theory-based workshops together. Jennifer's expertise lies in research and facilitation while Tai's passion for performing arts, leadership training and communications adds a unique element to their collaboration.

Their combined experience includes work in various areas such as prisons, the tertiary education sector, event coordination, and group facilitation. Jennifer holds the position of Southern Services Manager for Ako Aotearoa, and also serves as the ACE Teaching Standards Advisor for ACE Aotearoa. Tai, is the ACE Sector Capability Manager for ACE Aotearoa, having previously worked as an Executive Assistant for Ako Aotearoa.

Jennifer and Tai share a common goal of making education accessible, fit-for-purpose, and of high quality for all adult learners. This shared passion is the driving force behind their successful partnership.

Devised in 2015 the ACE Teaching Standards are expectations of expertise and performance. The expectations are:

- · What a learner has the right to expect
- That an ACE provider can expect quality practice from its educators
- · What a funding agency can expect from any contracting ACE provider
- That the ACE sector agrees on professional standards for working with learners.

Join Jennifer and Tai on this exciting journey towards becoming an outstanding educator! So, are you ready to use a Teaching Standard? Sign up for their workshop to explore the ACE Teaching Standards and how they outline the qualities of a successful tutor. Plus, participate in the Quiz Show for a chance to win "The Big Prize!" Join now to elevate your teaching practice!

Practical Applications for the Wayfinding Leadership Model

Caroline Taripo-Keith, Russell Su'a, Donna Southworth, and Susie Talimalo-Ikihele

See Speakers and Panelists Ngā Kaikōrero bios on pages 8 and 9.

In their workshop the Wayfinding team will provide further insights on the Wayfinding Model and how it might be applied in a variety of settings. Participants will have an opportunity to examine and discuss how they might apply it in their own situation.

Learning to Lead - Reflecting on the Asia South Pacific Basic Adult **Education (ASPBAE) Leadership Programme**

Robbie Guevara & Peter Foaese

Jose Roberto 'Robbie' Guevara is an educator with extensive experience in adult, community and popular education with a focus on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and global citizenship education. He is a sought after facilitator for his expertise in participatory, creative and experiential learning methodologies developed from years of working as a grassroots environmental educator and theatre practitioner in the Philippines.

Robbie is currently Associate Professor of International Development at RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia; President of the International Council of Adult Education (ICAE), and Board Member of the Global Campaign for Education (GCE) representing Asia-Pacific. Robbie was inducted into the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame in October 2012 for his contribution to adult learning in the Asia-Pacific region.

Peter Clinton Foaese is the current South Pacific Executive Council Member for the Asia-South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education (ASPBAE). He works for the New Zealand Office of the Children's Commissioner as a community and young person's engagement specialist and is dedicated to supporting marginalised young people and their families to find and use their voice to transform their situations. He also works as a youth worker with 'Whakaoho' and 'Pacific All Stars' - initiatives created and led by youth with family and community.

Peter and Robbie are back by popular demand, co-facilitating a workshop which reflects on the impact of the Asia South Pacific Basic Adult Education (ASPBAE) Basic Leadership development programme which has been hosted throughout the Asia South Pacific Region including in Auckland.

Mau Rākau

Raniera Petersen and Ngahaka Williams

Tēnā koutou katoa

Ko tako ingoa ko Raniera Peterson. He uri ahau ō Te Tau Ihu ō te Waka ā Maui.

I have been learning and teaching the art form of Mau Rākau for the past twenty years. I am currently a student of Te Whare Tū Taua ō Aotearoa and have been running a Mau Taiaha programme on Whakatū Marae for nearly two years. Classes include Whānau, Hauora, Tikanga Mātauranga, Māori Honongā and using the taiaha to promote all things Māori. We want to empower our whānau to succeed in both the mainstream and te ao Māori. We use the art form of Mau Taiaha as a hauora waka/vehicle to teach Te Reo Māori mē ōnā tikanga. My partner Ngahaka Williams helps to keep me grounded and is a true ambassador of the word Manaakitanga. We are looking forward to sharing our pūkenga with everyone at the conference.



Workshops Session 2 Programme | Thursday June 15

Workshops Session 2 11:00am-12:00pm Choose ONE

Presenter	Workshop Title	Room
Tai Samaeli and Jennifer Leahy	Leading through Quality ACE Teaching Standards	Conference Room 1
Caroline Taripo-Keith, Russell Su'a, Donna Southworth and Susie Talimalo-Ikihele	Practical Applications for the Wayfinding leadership model	Conference Room 2
Joanna Fox	ACE Learner Pathways – leading the learning journey	Banquet Room
Maria English and Mari Tanioka	ImpactLab – the power of data in decision making and leadership	Clifton Room

Workshops Session 2 Presenters

Leading through Quality ACE Teaching Standards

Tai Samaeli and Jennifer Leahy

See Workshop Session 1 programme description on page 15.

Practical Applications for the Wayfinding Leadership Model

Caroline Taripo-Keith, Russell Su'a, Donna Southworth, and Susie Talimalo-Ikihele

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ACE Learner Pathways - leading the learning journey

Joanna Fox

Joanna is the manager of the Hagley Adult Literacy Centre based in Ōtautahi Christchurch. As well as a Bachelor of Arts in Japanese and Education, Joanna has a Masters in Adult Literacy and Numeracy Teaching. In her free time, Joanna likes biking (preferably to a café) and spending time with her partner and two boys. Another passion is scrabble and she enjoys attending scrabble tournaments around the motu. A couple of Joanna's proudest achievements are gaining her Commercial Pilot's Licence and being New Zealand's Junior Aerobatic Champion (a few years ago now)!

Joanna will share her experience of successfully implementing the ACE Learner Pathways model in which tutors work with learners to understand their unique learning journey creating a flexible, culturally appropriate and goal driven way forward. Participants will have an opportunity to examine how they might implement the model in their own learning situation.

ImpactLab – the power of data in decision making and leadership Maria English and Mari Tanioka

Maria is CEO of ImpactLab. Prior to this, she worked at Boston Consulting Group in Australia where she advised senior management in the public, private and non-profit sectors on strategy, service transformation and measurement. Maria has an MBA from Stanford University and a BA in Politics, Psychology and Sociology from the University of Cambridge.

Mari is a Project Lead at ImpactLab, managing customer delivery and leading analytics for the GoodMeasure product. Prior to ImpactLab, she was an Investment Reporting Analyst in Tokyo at Wellington Management, where she covered fixed income and equity products. Mari has a BA in International and Global Studies from Middlebury College.

During their workshop Maria and Mari will outline the model used by ImpactLab to show the tangible return on investment that participation in ACE brings. They will discuss the power of data in decision making and its use as an evaluation tool.

Notes

