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Centre for Educational  
Leadership Research



### **Te Puna Rangihau o te Whiringa**

### **Centre for Educational Leadership Research Network Meeting**

**30 March 2017 5-6.30pm** (Beginning at 5:00pm with wine and cheese)

**Venue:** Hamilton West School Staff Room (hosted by Hamilton West School, 36 Hammond Street, Hamilton).

## **Mind the Gap**

**What do we expect from our student leaders and...**

**What do they expect from us?**

*For the CELR Network forum this month we partner with NZEALS to welcome:*

***Janine Mackay***

Engaging young people in meaningful leadership learning opportunities in centres and schools is highly complex and is an area that requires attention from educational leaders and teachers. Historically student leadership development has been founded on adult-focused approaches that use adult constructs and concepts from traditional leadership practices.

This seminar shares new insights into student leadership based on an inquiry project where the leadership perceptions, beliefs and experiences of year 9 students were examined. It investigated their perceptions of leadership, including what influenced their understandings of and opportunities to practise leadership. Through a variety of learning opportunities students unreservedly shared their voices and articulated their understandings and complex notions of leading in a 21<sup>st</sup> century school and community environment.

The implications of these findings for educational leaders in primary, intermediate and secondary school contexts are immense. These findings urge us to reconceptualise the ways in which we prepare and support young people in their leadership so may also be of interest to those working in early childhood settings. The discussion to follow this presentation is aimed at exploring contextually based approaches that might support educational leaders to reflect upon the ways they provide authentic leadership learning opportunities for all students.

**CELR Network Members and NZEALS members free**  
**\$25 non- members (includes drinks & nibbles)**

*Please RSVP and register the number of attendees from your school, kura or centre with Vicki Hill (vicki@melodychildcare.co.nz) by March 2017. You can pay on the night or request an invoice.*