



WELLINGTON
Conference 2018



Creative Leaders, Flourishing Futures

Ko te ahurei, o te tamaiti, arahia o tatou mahi

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NZPF Conference 2018 – a call to promote registrations

Kia ora colleagues

I am writing to ask you to promote this year's NZPF Conference through your networks to clusters and colleagues in your region. This is a conference designed for you and your senior leaders; an opportunity to learn, reflect, network and refresh. We hope that if you have not registered already, you will take the opportunity offered by the extended Early Bird Deadline and do so before 1 August. Full information about the conference is available at: www.nzpfconference.com. I invite you to have a look at what is on offer.

Some key information about this year's programme for your consideration:

- The theme of creative leadership has been chosen to fit with the current state in NZ education. We are on the cusp of potential change and there has never been a better time to think about how to approach leadership more creatively.
- We have gone out of our way to bring some keynote speakers to the conference who have not been heard in NZ before:
 - **Dr Tony Wagner**, Senior Research Fellow from the Learning Policy Institute in the USA. This will be his first trip to NZ and has not been heard by NZ educators here before. Dr Wagner is a leading exponent of innovation and the need for creativity in all its forms. Tony also talks about change leadership. Tony will present two keynotes.
 - **Dr Jason Fox** from Australia describes himself as a modern-day wizard-rogue. He talks about us standing at the cusp of a new age which calls for new leadership. Jason is author of *How to Lead a Quest*, and two other titles. He works as a leadership advisor to many large international companies but it also his first time in front of NZ educators. Jason will present two keynotes.
 - **Silvia Martinez** from the USA is an expert in authentic learning using technology and inclusive STEM experiences. She has co-authored a book called *of Invent to Learn: Making, Tinkering and Engineering in the Classroom*.

Two other speakers of interest:

- **Kaila Colbin** wears many hats and has been the founder of numerous innovative organisations and exciting projects. She will bring us her inspiring story of the creation of the Ministry of Awesome in Christchurch after the earthquakes, among other experiences.
- **Joanne McEachen** is Global New Measures Director for New Pedagogies for Deep Learning. She has co-authored *Deep Learning: Engage the World, Change the World* with Michael Fullan and Joanne Quinn and works with clusters and networks of schools to build knowledge and practices that develop deep learning and foster whole system change.

Practicalities:

- Wellington is easy to get to from most other cities in NZ and there are a wide range of accommodation options on offer.
- One-day & two-day registrations are welcomed.
- The Earlybird deadline has been extended until 1 August 2018.

Come along and be inspired! The Conference Committee and NZPF Executive would love to see you there.

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