

Manaakitanga

Talking about Difference

Empowering children's mana in our communities of diversity

Saturday August 7th, 9am – 4pm



Meet in a relaxed environment for this one-day course to sharpen your professional skills. Resource book and kai included.

The sessions will cover:

- The development of emotional and social literacy: the theory and the practice
- Understanding and supporting the development of children's identity
- Developing a storytelling practice to have courageous conversations about behaviour, exclusion, difference, and diversity issues
- Developing the practice of using Persona Dolls to explore issues of exclusion, difference, and diversity to support social competency in interactions.

Enrolment Details:

Venue: 54 Britannia St, Petone (old villa down driveway).

Cost: \$199 (includes kai and a resource folder).

To enrol: email bronwen.olds@gmail.com or ring 027 677 8052.

Spaces limited to first 12 people. Enrol and pay by August 2nd.

Credit Details: 02 1242 0014 717 053.

If paying by internet banking please state invoice number. Please confirm there is a place for you before paying online.



OUR KAUPAPA

We are two Pākehā women, mother and daughter, tangata tiriti o Aotearoa. As citizens of Aotearoa, our life and work are intimately connected to the context of this land, this place. We are committed to upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi and honouring the wisdom of this whenua as it calls on us as adults and kaiako to be authentic and genuine partners. Our passion is creating and supporting just and respectful relationships in partnership with children, parents, whānau, educators, tangata whenua and tauwiwi/pākehā. As we walk alongside our tamariki on their life journey, it is our privilege to be partners with them as they grow into active citizens of Aotearoa, confident in who they are and how they can contribute to the world.

We believe that for learning to be lasting it needs to be embodied. By combining experiential practices with a sound understanding of research we provide the ideal learning platform. Learning and education are transformative and in the process of transformation both the individual and the world are transformed. Our courses offer new learning which connects with and seeks to extend, the participants' current knowledge and practices.

***Hūtia te rito o te harakeke e. Kei hea kē te kōmako e kō?
Kī mai ki ahau he aha te mea? Nui o te ao māku e kī atu.
He tangata, he tangata, he tangata.***

If you cut the centre (te rito) out of the flax bush (harakeke), there will be nowhere for the bellbird to sing. What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, people, people.

This proverb likens the harakeke to the whānau. Te rito represents the child, the leaves encompassing te rito symbolise the parents and the outside leaves symbolise the tīpuna/grandparents and community that surrounds the child. If we cut te rito out, the harakeke will die and there will be no flowers full of nectar for the bellbird to feed and sing from. As whānau, ECC and the community, we need to work together to raise our tamariki to their full potential and be active citizens of Aotearoa.

FEEDBACK FROM PAST PARTICIPANTS

- *Really enjoyed the time I got to work in the group or with my partner with the Persona Doll, building her biography and personality. It gave me an idea of how this would work in my centre with children.*
- *Like the mixture of talking, DVD clips and sharing amongst participants.*
- *Really enjoyed the small group sessions. The location was relaxed and comfortable and the kai was awesome.*
- *Thank you Bronwen and Kiri for assisting my ability to make the invisible visible and support our tamariki on a deeper level.*
- *Brilliant, of particular interest was the story telling map- a reflection of life experiences.*



BRONWEN OLDS

I am the parent of 4 children. Playcentre was the foundation for my children's early childhood education and a platform for my development as a parent and educator. I have worked for over 30 years supporting children and young people's development in community, educational and government organisations. This has included lecturing at Victoria University in Early Childhood Education for 13 years and designing and delivering tailored Professional Learning Development for people working in the Early Childhood sector and community organisations.

My practical experience is supported by my qualifications: Masters of Social Science First class Hons (Waikato), and the NZ Playcentre Federation Certificate. I am a life member of the Hutt Playcentre Association and an accredited leader of Incredible Years Parenting Course. I am also the President of the Wellington Branch of OMEP (an international early childhood association).



KIRI OLDS

Raised in Pito-one, I had the privilege of growing up around te reo Māori and whakaaro Māori and extended my knowledge through my university studies. A Graduate from Victoria University in 2015 with a BA in Te Reo Māori, Māori Studies, and Environmental Studies I have natural skills in facilitation, communication and a strong sense of community. I have tutored stage1 Te Reo Māori at Victoria University of Wellington, taught community Māori classes and facilitated Treaty of Waitangi workshops for Early Childhood Teachers. Well versed in the Pikler Approach, I facilitate Baby's Place and Toddler's Place, courses that support parents and babies/toddlers to grow in partnership. As well as these courses I have designed and facilitated Kōrerotia Te Reo – an 8 week reo Māori class for Early Childhood teachers. As Co-director of the Brothers and Sisters Collective, I work across the strands of art, education and community to deliver a diverse range of projects.