

# Creating a culture of respect for babies in our Early Childhood Services, Part One



**Meet for a 1-day course to sharpen your professional skills and evolve your professional practices, with Bronwen Olds.**

**The sessions will cover:**

- **Key foundations and working theories that support partnership with babies. Building a culture of respect for babies as competent and capable people.**
- **Developing rituals as caring moments that create purposeful opportunities and build trusting relationships**
- **Creating an environment which encourages baby's autonomy and self-regulation.**

## **Course Bookings**

**I can offer this course in your own centre or, for teacher groups under 12 teachers I can offer this course in my venue. Costs vary depending on numbers of participants. For further details about booking and costs please ring me or email me.**

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## Feedback from Participants

- *Very well presented informative sessions. I came away feeling like I can really have meaningful interactions with infants and it has given me ideas that I can continue to use.*
- *Loved everything about the facilitation. Especially loved the practical aspects, have a much greater understanding than just being told. Gave me real insights*
- *I learnt a lot about treating babies with respect. Babies and children are all treasures who need to be respected and invited to learn.*
- *Experiential makes it all the more real, loved the pace of the PD. Gave me time to think and integrate along the way*
- *Like the mix of video, conversations and activity adult/baby. Able to put new knowledge into practice with children*



## My kaupapa/philosophy

Hutia te rito te Harakeke e.  
Kei hea ke te komako e ko?  
Ki mai ki ahau he aha te mea?  
Nui o te ao maku e ki 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 Whakatauki expresses the essence of my work. I believe that partnerships between children whanau/families and teachers are essential for our tamariki. Learning and education are transformative and in the process of transformation both the individual and the world are transformed.



## My Background

I am the parent of 4 children. My vocation is focused on creating and supporting just and respectful relationships. This focuses on partnerships between children, parents, educators, and between Māori and Taiwi/Pakeha.

I have worked professionally 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 15 years. My recent work has focused on the Professional Development for people working in Early Childhood sector and designing and delivering tailored learning for community organisations. I have a Masters of Social Science First class Hons (Waikato), the NZ Playcentre Federation Certificate and am a trained leader in Incredible Years (a research based parenting course). I am an honorary life member of the Hutt Playcentre Association and the President of the Wellington Branch of OMEP (an international early childhood association).

