

Getting started with schemas

A Professional Development course facilitated by
Nikolien van Wijk and Bronwen Olds



Meet for a 1-day course to sharpen your professional skills and evolve your professional practices.

The sessions will cover:

- **Noticing:** What is schema learning theory, and useful strategies for spotting some of the more common schemas.
- **Recognising and responding:** How we can use schemas with teaching and learning stories, and the ways in which schemas help us deliver Te Whāriki.
- **Building your capacity to respond to children's interests and extend their learning.** Exploring some of the less common schemas, and resources.

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

- *Loved facilitation. Able to listen, actual useful stuff*
- *Interactive sessions and hand-outs were very useful and enriched my knowledge about schemas.*
- *Both Nikolien and Bronwen were incredible with their teaching, sharing their expertise with great energy*
- *Really useful practical exercises.*
- *I feel I am looking at children with new eyes and look forward to sharing this new knowledge with my staff and parents*
- *Enjoyed the content loved that it was interactive with lots of movement*

Nikolien van Wijk: My Background.

I am a primary trained teacher, and joined Wilton Playcentre in 2000, with the first of our family of three children. In the following years I studied for my Masters of Education.

A highlight of my Playcentre journey was my participation in Wilton Playcentre's Centre of Innovation research contract, from 2003 – 2006. As a result of that project, I have been running workshops and making presentations about schemas for nine years. I am the author of "Getting Started with Schemas", which was published in 2008, by the New Zealand Playcentre Federation (now trading as Ako Books).



Bronwen Olds

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 Maori and Tauiwi/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).