

Manaakitanga

Talking about Difference

Empowering children's mana in our communities of diversity



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

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.

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 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.*

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.



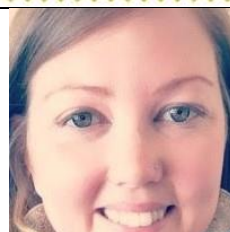
My Background

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 Taiuiwi/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).

Suzi Holland

Suzi Holland is a passionate Early Childhood Teacher and Consultant, specialising in infant and toddler care and development. Her journey in ECE started over 15 years ago with a BA/BTeach degree in Early Childhood and a Master of Education degree researching the importance of free play for children under three years. Suzi has experience leading centres in NZ and the UK, providing professional development and mentoring



to students and qualified teachers and facilitating parent education. Suzi is deeply inspired by the peaceful Pikler® and RIE® approaches to infant and toddler care and has attended Pikler® courses in Budapest, Hungary in 2015, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

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