

# Living out Te Tiriti o Waitangi in your Early Childhood Centre Part 2



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

A

*A basic understanding of NZ history and Te Tiriti o Waitangi is a pre-requisite.*

## **This course will include:**

- Developing our understanding of who “I” am in Aotearoa and my role as a teacher for Living Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Growing our understanding of a Te Ao Māori worldview and developing authentic practices for your Early Childhood Centre.
- The power of storying by exploring Māori myths and legends.
- Developing an understanding of Tikanga Māori in relation to the natural environment that will support conservation practices in your Centre.

## **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.**

Contact [bronwen.olds@gmail.com](mailto:bronwen.olds@gmail.com) or ring 0276778052.

### FEEDBACK FROM PAST PARTICIPANTS:

- *You are very skilled people who are able to share this knowledge and passion for Te Tiriti, Te Reo in a relaxed non-threatening warm manner. You ensure the environment is safe comfortable and respectful for all.*
- *Wonderful sessions: practical ideas, fabulous presentations, lots of great material to work with.*
- *An exciting journey involving all children, whanau staff and families.*
- *The reading material is excellent. All very valuable and useful on a practical level.*
- *A strong sense of responsibility to share and encourage others to step up to the journey. Really makes me feel tremendous privileged to be growing here in Aotearoa.*



### 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).