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Kia ora koutou e ngā tauira, ngā pouako, ngā kaiarahi katoa, tena koutou katoa. Greetings to you all. In this issue a glimpse of the recently held National Planning Hui, then to Ngā Poupou (our members) featuring Intensive Literacy and Numeracy (ILN) in Tauranga, Community Link in Thames, and adult learners in Waitakere and Horowhenua who prove that age is no barrier for lifelong learning. A range of online resources focus on how to reach and teach learners and colleagues.



National Planning Hui Hei Ara Tūhono – Pathways and Destinies

8-10 Hōngongoi (July) 2010, Ōtautahi (Christchurch)

The annual National Planning Hui held recently in Ōtautahi, Te Wai Pounamu (Christchurch, South Island) was a great success providing nourishment for mind, body and wairua. The high calibre plenary speakers were well received. Our thanks to Professor Paul Dalziel (Lincoln University), Trevor Moeke (Te Wananga o Aotearoa), Dr Airini (University of Auckland), Phil O'Reilly (Business New Zealand), Kim Workman and Dr Kathie Irwin (Families Commission), Professor Niki Davis and Jo Fletcher (University of Canterbury) and Sam Uta'i (Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology) for sharing stories of their pathways, personal or organisational.

Recurring themes throughout the hui included moving away from the 'blaming' culture; taking responsibility for change; the transforming power of education; developing alternative creative pathways, and a passion for lifelong learning for all. Attendees enjoyed the time to network together as whānau of Literacy Aotearoa, participate in the professional development workshops and enjoy the shared vision of the organisation.

Thanks go to the host Poupou, ARAS Christchurch, Coordinator Maureen Vance and her team, including guest speakers Kirsteen Britten and Michael Marquet; and MCs Jennifer Leahy and Atawhai Li. Thanks also to tangata whenua led by Rev. Maurice Gray (Upoko (Chairman) of Te Rūnaka Ki Ōtautahi, of Ngāi Tahu), for their manaakitanga in welcoming hui whānau with mihi whakatau and bidding farewell with poroporoaki.

A National Planning Hui report will be available later in the year to Ngā Poupou. Some comments from attendees follow:

- Every hui I attend strengthens my sense of accomplishment, being informed of the latest developments within LLN, having my culture acknowledged in a positive and empowering way, being with like-minded people who have the desire to help others gain LLN skills.
- It is a mid-year 'rejuvenate' and 'reconnect' at a time when you can be feeling a little tired. I need to be gathering ideas and reflecting on current practices, this forum is excellent for that. The quiet conversations are the most valuable. Plus I need to be challenged to think outside the square.
- It is a vital link with other Poupou. A chance to be 'together'. An opportunity to keep everyone informed personally and hear from speakers on a wide variety of topics. The workshops are a PD opportunity.
- The NPH is essential. I came exhausted, depleted, tired, overlooked, underpaid and I will leave feeling full up, inspired, supported, encouraged, enlightened, ready to go again, passionate about literacy learning creating a better future for Aotearoa New Zealand and our planet.

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National Planning Hui 2010





Literacy & Language BOP – ILN Key Skills Course

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From Annamaria Grafas, Manager of Literacy & Language BOP

On Tuesday 20th Hōngongoi (July), we presented nine learners with certificates for completing 100 hours on our *Key Skills* course.

The day started as usual with the learners arriving at 9am and settling into working on their workbooks. We caught up with what we had all been doing over the holidays and the tutors checked in with each learner.

At 11:30, Annamaria Grafas (Poupou manager) arrived to take part in the presentation.

The learners left their work stations and sat in our communal area around our book table.

Joy Taylor (Course manager) spoke briefly about the success of the course and how everyone has contributed to the success. She commended the learners on the good effort they were putting in and that it showed in their progress.

Those receiving their certificates were congratulated for achieving the 100 hours of attendance and for the progress they have made.



Annamaria presented each person with their certificate and they were given the opportunity to say a few words.

Some of the comments were: 'It's been fun', 'I've made some new friends', 'It's been good and I learnt I can read', 'I've learnt things that I can pass on to my son'.



Literacy Hauraki – Thames Community Link

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From Gaye Anstis, Manager of Literacy Hauraki

Literacy Hauraki participated in the opening of the Thames Community Link on 25th Pipiri (June). Peter Isaacs and Brenda Munro from National Office also attended. This scheme is proving a very popular service to the Hauraki area with over 45 agencies already signed on as Charter members. There were approximately 150 people at the opening including the two local MPs and MSD personnel.



Gaye Anstis, Sally Christie, Chairperson of Community Link & CAPs Manager and Shell Sanerive, Manager of Thames Work & Income cut the 'Community Link' Cake.

I am in the main office every week morning to interview new students, support other agencies in need of literacy/numeracy advice for a client and to assist clients with forms they must fill out and don't have the skills to do so.

Other tutors use the individual rooms for lessons in a safe, quiet atmosphere.

A poster promoting our services is displayed at the main entrance of the Office.



The Community Link office is a marvellous way for Literacy Hauraki to have a visible presence in the Thames community.

Adult Learners in the News



Waitakere Adult Literacy Inc. – Jimmy's Story

Jimmy shares some experiences from his learning journey as a 47 year old solo dad. "...if you wanna better yourself and if you want more self esteem, literacy's the place to go."



Horowhenua ALS – New Tricks

"What most people learn to do aged five, Ted Thompson is learning at 83. Learning to read and do maths has given Mr Thompson the independence he never had - now he can buy a beer without getting shortchanged." [Photo Murray Hunter]



[Click here](http://www.literacy.org.nz) to read these articles or go to www.literacy.org.nz > Publications > News Releases

Online Resources

Reflect

<http://www.reflect-action.org/>

Some of you may have read about the theories and work of Paulo Freire.



This website provides some examples of how 'Reflect' practitioners use and fuse those theories in adult education.

'Reflect, or Reflect-Action as it is also known, is an innovative approach to adult learning and social change, which fuses the theories of Brazilian educator Paulo Freire with participatory methodologies.

It was developed in the 1990s through pilot projects in Bangladesh, Uganda and El Salvador and is now used by over 500 organisations in over 70 countries worldwide. Organisations working with *Reflect* won UNESCO literacy prizes in 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2008. This site is aimed at *Reflect* practitioners and others who want to know more about the approach.'

eVALBEC newsletter

The Victorian Adult Literacy and Basic Education Council newsletter is available in the



'News' section of <http://www.valbec.org.au>

- *Hard to reach learners: What works in reaching and keeping them?*

'The ACE Board commissioned the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) to undertake research into national and international best practice reach and retention of hard to reach learners.'

[Click here](http://www.acfe.vic.gov.au) to read the report or go to <http://www.acfe.vic.gov.au> then go to: Information for Course providers > ACE funding and resources - what is available. > ACE Capacity Initiatives > ACE Capacity Memos.

- *Bringing a social capital approach into the teaching of adult literacy and numeracy: Good Practice Guide*

The guide suggests ways VET (Vocational Education and Training) practitioners can adopt a social capital approach to their teaching practice. Go to:

<http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2252.html>

ACE Aotearoa Winter Newsletter

Have a look at the ACE Aotearoa Winter Newsletter 2010.

There are some great stories about what is going on in the ACE Sector and you are likely to recognise names and faces on almost every page.



http://www.aceaotearoa.org.nz/users/image/ACE/Documents/Ace_Winter_Newsletter_2010.pdf

Online Resources (continued)

Digital storytelling

Digital Storytelling is growing in popularity as a means of sharing information. It is a tool that students and tutors alike can use to get their message or their story across.

The 'Coromandel Community Digital Storytelling Project' trained people to make their own stories, some examples are on their website, at http://www.harakeke.co.nz/DST_CCDSP_index.html

The software for making your own digital stories is easily accessible online and free downloads are available for some packages. To find out more about making digital stories check out these websites:

SLQ – State Library of Queensland

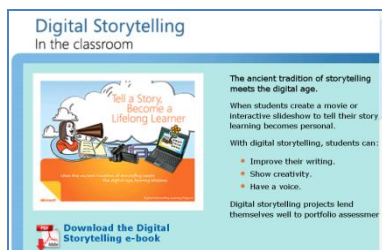
<http://qldstories.slq.qld.gov.au/home/resources>

This website has a step by step manual that you can download and print out with user-friendly instructions and 'screen shots' so you know exactly what to expect.

Digital Storytelling – step by step – Microsoft

http://www.microsoft.com/education/teachers/guides/digital_storytelling.aspx

Step by step instructions once again, with printable templates and more links. You can download *Windows Live MovieMaker* if you have Windows 7 or Windows Vista. If you have Windows XP, *Windows MovieMaker* may already be installed on your computer. Click on *All Programs* to see. The step by step tutorial will help you with either version.



For more information: Google 'digital stories' or 'digital storytelling'.

Upcoming Events - Here turi kōkā (August)

Tuia Te Ako 2010 – Māori Tertiary Educators' Hui

12-13 Here turi kōkā (August) 2010

Pipitea Marae, Wellington.

<http://akoatearoa.ac.nz/tuiateako>



NZCER Conference – Assessing Adult Learning

www.nzcer.org.nz/conference/

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Holiday Inn, Wellington



Mahuru (September)

Adult Learners' Week/ He Tangata Mātauranga

6-12 Mahuru (September) 2010

<http://www.aceaotearoa.org.nz/>

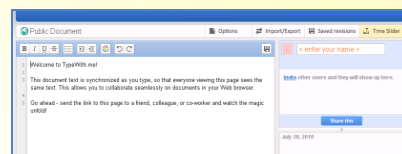
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During the ACE Conference held recently, a web-based word processor was introduced to participants.

'The program known as 'EtherPad' allows people to work together in real-time. Google has recently acquired EtherPad and released it as open source.' (i.e. free)

Explore this tool for yourself by clicking on the following link to open a collaborative pad to work on, email the web address to a colleague or two and arrange to meet online - TypeWith.me - it's simple to use, give it a try...

TypeWith.me is a real-time collaborative authoring tool. You don't need an account, just go straight to the site and click 'create new document'.

To view a 'TypeWith.me' powerpoint tutorial, go to the link below and click on the grey arrows to see each screen:

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/29796796/Type-with-me>