



Briefing Note: ACE Aotearoa Conference – 16 June

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Purpose of Report

This report provides you with background information for your appearance at the ACE (adult and community education) Aotearoa Conference at Te Wharewaka, Wellington, at 11:30am on Wednesday 16 June.

Summary

- ACE Aotearoa is the lead body for adult and community educators. The theme of its conference is “Re-imagining ACE”. Around 100 community educators are expected to attend.
- You have been invited to speak on how you see ACE contributing to the Tertiary Education Strategy and broader education and wellbeing outcomes.

Proactive Release

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Background

1. ACE Aotearoa is an adult and community education peak body.
2. ACE Aotearoa promotes good practice in ACE and provides strategic leadership for the ACE sector. It has led work on ACE professional development, outcomes, learner pathways, and quality assurance.
3. The theme of its conference this year is “Re-imagining ACE”. Around 100 community educators are expected to attend.
4. You have been invited to speak on how you see ACE contributing to the Tertiary Education Strategy and broader education and wellbeing outcomes.
5. The Children's Commissioner, Judge Andrew Becroft, is also addressing the conference, on the topic of “Innovation in a Post-Covid Environment”.
6. The conference includes sessions on:
 - How can ACE foster diversity, community wellbeing, sustainability and prepare people for the work of the future?
 - How can we prepare our youth for the uncertainty and challenges of the post-Covid world?
7. Conference attendees are also visiting community education providers and projects in the Wellington region.