



Learners at the centre of change

Tau Tahi, Tipu Tahi
Collaborating Together, Learning Together



Kia ora! Grow Waitaha is planning lots of exciting learning and sharing opportunities for 2019. Join in for FREE professional development!



The end of the year is approaching quickly!

We know schools are starting to plan their 2019 professional development. Based on feedback and suggestions from the wider education sector, Grow Waitaha is planning to offer a range of professional learning events and initiatives throughout 2019. More detailed information will be shared through our events page > <http://www.growwaitaha.co.nz/events>.

Forums

A forum is an opportunity for participants to exchange ideas and views on a particular issue relating to educational change.

Examples of forums in 2019

Authentic curriculum – What is a STEAM curriculum and how does it support authentic learning?

Participants will share what they are doing to engage with and meet the needs of their learners utilising a STEM/STEAM approach to the curriculum in years 1–10.

Wellbeing Activator

A series of forums with a focus on wellbeing will be available for educators from all sectors. People can enrol in the events they are interested in. These forums will include external wellbeing expertise, as well as participants sharing successful wellbeing initiatives with each other.

Learning through play – How are schools effectively implementing learning programmes supported by a strong pedagogy of play?

Participants will share how they have designed their learning through play approaches and how they are making it work for their year 1–3 learners.

Inclusive education – What strategies and resources can be used to support a diverse range of learners within collaborative teaching environments?

Participants who were part of the 2018 Inclusive Education Pilot will share what they have learned around growing practice to support an inclusive Waitaha.



Roadshows

A Roadshow is an opportunity for teachers to support other teachers in meaningful and practical ways. In 2018, passionate educators opened up their schools to share strategies for teaching and learning around the kaupapa of:

- + authentic curriculum
- + student voice
- + collaborative practice
- + authentic student engagement.

In 2019, we'll be visiting different schools, continuing to share teacher expertise and focusing on learners at the centre of change. We will also be bringing back the Eduhui (an engaging, connecting, sharing event).

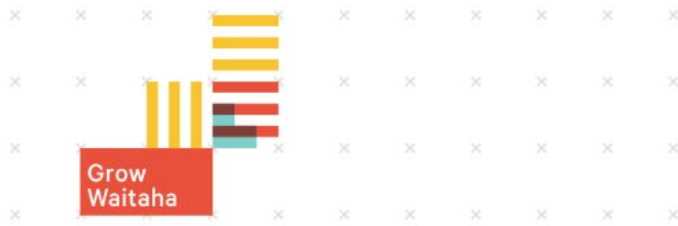


Leadership incubator

The leadership incubator is an intensive strategic development programme designed to support schools and Kāhui Ako to lead change. It is designed for:

- + teams of 3 – 4 senior and middle leaders in primary and/or secondary schools
 - + teams of 3 – 4 leaders (senior/middle) per Kāhui Ako
 - + teams that consist of multiple schools or Kāhui Ako collaborating around a single strategic priority
 - + teams of principles (including leads) collaborating across schools or Kāhui Ako.
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Secondary Community of Practice (CoP) – Wellbeing

This CoP will provide opportunities for groups of people to engage in collective and connected learning around wellbeing.

In 2018 Grow Waitaha supported a large secondary CoP with a focus on wellbeing. This is extending into 2019 with initiatives designed and implemented in partnership with Mana Whenua facilitators from Mātauraka Mahaanui, Dr Lucy Hone and Dr Denise Quinlan from the NZ Institute of Wellbeing and Resilience.

These initiatives support schools who are at different places on their “wellbeing journey”. For some it may be the very beginning, whilst others may bring considerable experience with school programmes already in place.

Secondary schools wellbeing mentoring

Secondary schools involved in the Wellbeing CoP in 2018 may choose to maintain their momentum by accessing mentoring support in 2019 (1 meeting per term). The same mentor from 2018 will continue to work with their wellbeing team.

Secondary Wellbeing Community of Practice

This community of practice will be offered to all of the secondary schools involved in 2018. However in 2019, schools can enter new teams of 4 people; comprised of a minimum of 2 teachers/leaders and 2 students. This would mean:

- + there could be teams of 8 people in each school collaborating on wellbeing initiatives (i.e. 4 from the 2018 CoP, 4 new in 2019)
- + having students involved from across schools will add authenticity to the outcomes
- + the format and content will be similar to the 2018 initiative with a focus on wellbeing literacy, te Ao Māori perspectives and tikanga, leadership, sharing, connection and collaboration.

The process involves four Hui (Terms 1-4), mentoring sessions and several webinars, all focused on strategic action back at school.

For more information about Grow Waitaha including upcoming events, stories and useful resources, visit:

www.growwaitaha.co.nz

Registrations will be open in November of Term 4.