



# ITENZ

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## Message from the Chair

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Welcome to the April Newsletter

ITENZ has commissioned some research into our sector through funding received from Education NZ, which has been very much appreciated. This research will enable us to have a better idea of the contribution of the PTE sector to New Zealand. We encourage you all to complete the survey.

Discussion with Government agencies continues with work around compliance costs for our sector and we had a very good meeting with Grant Klinkum and Eve McMahon from NZQA at our recent Board meeting.

A political party panel will also be run at the conference this year so make sure you register soon.

Unfortunately board member Kathy Osterman has recently resigned due to workload and we wish her well for the future. The board is deliberating on options leading up to the AGM and new board elections, but we would like to encourage ITENZ members

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to consider putting their name forward for the board if they believe they have something to offer our members. Feel free to discuss what we do as a board with one of our current board members. There are many ways you can contribute with your experience.

The board ,with Wayne, have been working on a number of areas over the past few months which include branding, website upgrades, research on our sector, Pathway Visas, webinars for international and domestic members and building relationships with the WDC's and Te Pūkenga. We will continue to lobby for members to ensure we are recognised for our role in the tertiary sector. An initial meeting with the new Education Minister Jan Tinetti was also well received.

Craig Musson  
Board Chair

### **What's been happening since the last newsletter?**

Below are some of the meetings and events attended since the last edition, with some expanded on later in the newsletter.

- Meeting with MoE, NZQA, TEC to discuss impact of NCEA changes on tertiary providers
- Education NZ focus group - identifying priorities for PTEs
- NZQA Quality and Quality Assurance Sector Advisory Group meeting
- ITENZ Board meeting
- Toitu Te Wairoa WDC
- Ringa Hora WDC
- Education NZ

### **Memorandum of Collaboration with Ringa Hora**

ITENZ has signed an agreement with Ringa Hora, Services, WDC. Similar to the ones we have with other WDCs, this agreement means we can jointly contribute to the creation of a cohesive, sustainable vocational education system that helps

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improve educational, vocational, and wellbeing outcomes for all New Zealanders and supports a growing economy that works for everyone.

The agreement acknowledges the important roles both parties play in the tertiary sector and aims to bring Ringa Hora and ITENZ together to identify opportunities to promote the Services sectors, to attract and retain learners, share resources and information, work collaboratively on qualification, credential, and skills standard development, and specific projects, and support and promote innovation and excellence in vocational education across the tertiary education and training sector.

We look forward to building this important relationship.

## **Mana Enhancing Agreement signed with ConCOVE TŪHURA**

We have also signed an agreement with CoCOVE([Centre of Vocational Excellence for Construction and Infrastructure](#)). ConCOVE connects and aligns industry, learners and vocational education to re-imagine clear, equitable and supported career pathways within the Construction and Infrastructure sector. It does this through applied research into opportunities to improve vocational education across the sectors.

The aim is to bring ConCOVE Tūhura and ITENZ together in mutually beneficial ways to support the tertiary education and training sector in high-quality training, teaching and learning provision, including jointly identifying opportunities to share resources and information, working together on specific projects, providing each other with guidance and advice for future strategic work, supporting and promoting the importance of lifelong learning and supporting and promoting embedded language, literacy, numeracy and cultural capability in vocational education across the tertiary education and training sector.

We now have agreements with both COVEs and look forward to collaborating.

## **ConCOVE Dunedin Stakeholder Event**

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### **May 11th, hosted by ConCOVE Tūhura.**

During this event, you'll hear from Graham Burke on the Construction Sector Accord's Transformation Plan (people), as well as receive an update from ConCOVE's Deputy Director George Makapatama on our system shift mahi. ConCOVE's Executive Director, Katherine Hall will provide an update on our projects, and discuss ways in which you can engage and work with ConCOVE and participate in this mahi.

Construction and infrastructure industry, vocational education and training providers in Ōtepoti Dunedin are invited to join ConCOVE for kōrero and hear about how they are reimagining the future of vocational education in Aotearoa.

Finger food and drinks will be provided.

[Register here.](#)

### **ITENZ Roadshows are back! Register now.**

We have three roadshows scheduled for this month.

Each roadshow will be three hours and will include presentations by senior managers from NZQA, TEC and WDC representatives, as well as a practical case study from an ITENZ member. The WDC presenters will give updates from the six WDCs as a whole. There will be the opportunity to ask questions and to talk to the presenters and an opportunity to network with other PTEs.

Each roadshow is being hosted by an ITENZ member and a special thank you to them - Laidlaw College (Auckland), Industry Training Solutions (Palmerston North), and Talent International Institute, (Christchurch)

Click on the links below to register and to see the programme.

[Auckland](#)

[Palmerston North](#)

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## Christchurch

Presenters from TEC, NZQA and WDCs

### TEC



*Esther Calley, Principal  
Relationship Manager*



*Jae Stowers, Manager  
Customer Contact Group*



*Jon Smith, Manager,  
Approvals and  
Accreditation (Auckland  
and Christchurch)*

### NZQA



*Ian Funnell,  
Manager Policy  
and International  
(Palmerston  
North)*

## WDC representatives

### Auckland



Heather Kingsley-  
Thomas  
Toitu Te Waioa



Yvonne  
O'Callaghan  
Ringa Hora

### Palmerston North



Mike Grumball  
Waihangara Rau



Mark Williams  
Waihangara Rau

### Christchurch



Lester Hoare  
Muka Tangata



Craig Lar  
Muka Ta

## **ITENZ Conference - Early Bird Registration and Call for speakers**

***He Pihī, He Tupu, He Puāwai!* / Learning, growing and thriving: tertiary education and PTEs in 2024 and beyond**

12th and 13th September

A reminder that the [Conference Early Bird registrations are now open.](#)

The **Call for Speakers** is also open.

Last year we had a wonderful series of presentations by our members and the invited speakers and we look forward to another year of engaging and informative presentations and workshops

Speaker submissions can be made via [the website](#) .

**if you have an idea but aren't sure about it, or if you are a first-time speaker and are seeking some guidance, please feel free to contact me.**

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## **ITENZ Research**

ITENZ is working with NielsenIQ (NIQ), an independent research agency, to produce a report that seeks to understand the contribution of the PTE sector in New Zealand. This report will be useful for multiple audiences, including the PTE sector as a whole, and can be used to inform strategy, planning, advocacy and marketing for the sector and for your own organisation

We will be seeking support from PTEs over the coming days and, if you are contacted, we would be very grateful for your participation.

Note that NielsenIQ will not identify any individual PTE, employer or student. ITENZ will not know which organisations participated. Findings will be shared and reported in aggregate form only.



This important research has been made possible with funding support from Education New Zealand.

### **Malaysian University Scholarship opportunity**

The Malaysian government has opened Malaysia International Scholarship (MIS) 2023 application for the academic year 2023/2024. This scholarship is designed to provide opportunities for international students to study at selected Malaysian universities, with a range of programs and courses available across various disciplines.

The scholarship provides an excellent opportunity for students to experience a world-class education in Malaysia, as well as to engage in cross-cultural exchange and learning.

Please refer to the following link: <https://biasiswa.mohe.gov.my/INTER/index.php> for guidelines and details on the eligibility criteria, application requirements, and deadlines.

Closing date May 18th

### **ITENZ Communities of Practice**

If you would like to join any of these groups, **please contact** [admin@itenz.co.nz](mailto:admin@itenz.co.nz).

Minutes and notes from these meetings can now be found on the Members' Area of the website.

### **Foundation and YG**

The YG and Foundation CoP group didn't meet in April. However, some of the members of the CoP met with NZQA, TEC, and MoE to discuss the significant current and upcoming changes in the tertiary sector, including the rollout of the new

literacy and numeracy standards and NCEA co-requisites. This will be followed by another meeting with the agencies to discuss possible actions. The next YG and Foundation CoP meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 16 May.

### **SDR Users**

The SDR Users Community of Practice has informal monthly meetings for administrators working with PTE compliance. At our April meeting we had a collaborative and helpful discussion about our experiences with EER, SDR, our student management systems and Ngā Kete. The next meeting is from 3 – 4 pm on Tuesday 16 May 2023. Please email [jill.tuwhare@spcnm.ac.nz](mailto:jill.tuwhare@spcnm.ac.nz) if you'd like to be added to the mailing list.

### **Academic Managers**

The Academic Managers CoP has not met in this period. We are considering a possible restructure of this CoP to better meet member needs and interests and will be in touch with group members shortly.

### **Māori Engagement Rōpū**

The ITENZ Maori engagement rōpū has a monthly hui, all ITENZ members welcome. We're still developing our mahi under the whakataukī "be the koha not the hōhā".

At our April hui we hosted Ed Tuari and Ariana Ngarimu from Education NZ to kōrero about how they can best awahi ITENZ membership. They are going to join us again and also develop a wānanga for ITENZ members generally at some point.

We're still mostly focused on supporting our tauira and ākonga, and developing our bi-cultural practice. One of our main findings at the ITENZ conference last year was that people are trying to show mana to te reo Māori by not pronouncing it incorrectly! While opinions on this vary, the main pānui is please go ahead and practice, practice, practice.

Nau mai, haere mai: our next hui is online next Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00 pm. If you'd like to join us, let Wayne or Pieter know.

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### **International Education Forum**

Reminder: ITENZ International Education Forum face-to-face meeting - **18 May** at NZ School of Food and Wine, Auckland

### **ITENZ website - do you have photos?**

We are currently updating the ITENZ website and would like some more up-to-date and representative images to showcase what we all do. Photos from our membership would be the most authentic.

If you have any high-quality, professional photos you would be happy to share, please let me know. ([wayne.dyer@itenz.co.nz](mailto:wayne.dyer@itenz.co.nz)).

We are particularly interested in images of:

- Learners engaging with tutors
- Learners doing practical activities
- Learners in the workplace
- Diverse groups of learners
- Learners engaged and having fun

### **Member news**

**Skillsec**, a whanau owned PTE, in Otepoti, Dunedin, have secured funding to deliver a skills based 10 week programme for Jobseekers which aims to increase the number of apprentices and trades assistants in the building and construction industries. They would then enter into 4 weeks paid work experience with a local employer leading to full time employment. This partnership, in conjunction with The Ministry of Social Development and Workforce Central, a job and skills hub, will help upskill people in trades needed for the new Dunedin Hospital build.

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**SAE Creative Media Institute (SAE)** and recording studio and social enterprise, Crescendo are proud to announce an industry partnership. The partnership brings together two prominent creative organisations, both passionate about supporting and growing the next generation of young creatives in Tāmaki Makaurau. While this synergistic partnership will provide learning experiences for both SAE and Crescendo staff, a key element of this collaboration will be job

opportunities and work experience for SAE students during and after studying. With Crescendo already providing music, creative industry and audio engineering mentoring for youth, opening up further opportunities for SAE graduates is an obvious opportunity.



### **New ITENZ members**

We are pleased to welcome two new members , [New Zealand College of Business](#) and [Seafood Training Services](#), both based in Christchurch.

### **Positions vacant in member organisations**

**Bakels** is advertising for a Training School Administration Manager. For more information see [here](#).

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**Ngā mihi nui**

**Wayne**



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