



# ITENZ

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## Message from the Chair



Welcome to the May ITENZ Newsletter

As we go into June many of us will be working on our Strategic Priority Funding Applications, Investment Plans and or Mix of Provision. A busy time of year for most. We are also moving towards the next Peak Bodies meeting with the government agencies so please reach out to Wayne with any issues you want raised. We hope that the latest round of ITENZ Workshops with the government agencies has also been of value to those that attended. We have a lot going on internally, with research into the PTE's place in tertiary education and an upgrade of our Website amongst other projects.

In the international sector we have a review coming up for the Green List and ITENZ recently held an international Education Forum for members which was well attended by both members and agents. I recently attended a Christchurch Educated mission to Vietnam and Thailand with Providers from all sectors in Canterbury which was well

attended by Providers and agents. I was impressed with Vietnam and how it has modernised with good infrastructure and great service, albeit very hot and humid. (last time I was there was in 2008) Certainly a potential market if INZ can sort out issues relating to pathways and financial evidence requirements, as this is a cash society country.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Kari Percy in April, after a long struggle with cancer. As CEO of Allied Trades Institute, Kari was a strong advocate for her industry and learners, and a committed ITENZ member. Our thoughts go out to her family, colleagues and friends.

Regards

Craig

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.

- Meetings with Ako Aotearoa, TEC, Education NZ, WDCs (Ringa Hora, Toi Mai, Toitu Te Waioira, Muka Tangata)
- Ako Aotearoa Central Hub forum
- ITENZ roadshows in Auckland, Palmerston North and Christchurch
- ITENZ International Education Forum, Auckland
- NZQA Quality Assurance Advisory Group
- PTE Advisory Group - TEC's Cyber Security for the Tertiary Sector project

## **ITENZ Roadshows**

Over 100 people registered to attend the first ITENZ roadshows since covid, and to hear from and engage with TEC, NZQA and WDCs.

The events were held in member schools - in Laidlaw College, Auckland (on the day of the recent weather emergency!), at Industry Training Solutions premises in Palmerston North, where their classroom is at the rear of their colorful and welcoming Allsorts Cafe, and at Talent International Institute's impressive Christchurch facilities, which also houses the old High Court and, in the basement, an historically important network of small, dark maximum security cells!

TEC, NZQA and WDCs attended each event and gave updates on key areas we are all interested in, such as microcredentials, reporting systems, and quality assurance processes. You will be able to see the full range of topics on the slides on the Members' Area of the website. As we continue to move forward, collaborating across the system, between agencies, WDCs, and providers is critical and building those connections is essential so we appreciate their willingness to attend these ITENZ events.

Member PTEs also gave brief case studies at each event. We heard about implementing the Code from AsureQuality, working with disabled learners from Industry Training Solutions (ITS) and working with industry from Talent International Institute (TII).

A big thank you to Laidlaw College, ITS and TII for their hospitality hosting.









## International Education Forum

The ITENZ International Education Forum was held in Auckland on 18th May with 24 members in attendance to hear from Education NZ and NZQA, and to participate in a speed dating activity with 22 education agencies. AC Nielsen, who are conducting research on behalf of ITENZ, were there to talk to providers and agencies.

Roy Rodriguez, ran an interactive session on Code implementation, and Geoff Bilbrough from ENZ gave an update on ENZ marketing activities. AC Nielsen ran two forums and there was a chance for members to meet Jane Yang, Business Development Manager at ENZ, and responsible for looking after the PTE and English language sectors. The speed dating with agents was very popular, both with agents and members, and there have been request from both groups to

repeat this.

NZ School of Food and Wine hosted the day and their students provided the hospitality. This is the second year the event has been held there and it was another very successful day with an excellent lunch.

The event was made possible through support from ENZ and we would like to thank them and NZQA for participating, as well as the agents and members who participated.

Special thanks to Giuliana Silveira for doing all of the work that goes into organising such an event.









### **The end of the RoVE project. What happens next?**

The Reform of Vocational education (RoVE) project ends in June. The legislative changes underpinning it are in place and the various new entities have been set up.

A concern of ITENZ's had always been what happens at the end of this to ensure that the original outcomes are achieved. We asked who would be responsible for oversight.

The answer is that two new bodies have been established, an **Outcomes Leadership Group** and an **Operational Leadership Group**. These two groups will have responsibility for stewardship of the system.

*According to TEC, the Outcomes Leadership Group (OLG) is responsible for shepherding the VET system to achieve outcomes for the reform beneficiaries. It is the independent voice for these beneficiaries.*

*The Operational Leadership Group (OpLG) advises the OLG and VET delivery entities in relation to significant system functions and operational choices. It is the only cross-entity body positioned, resourced and supported to look across VET system operations reflecting a system that is just built and not fully functional.*

Wayne is on the Operational Leadership Group on behalf of ITENZ as one of the two PTE sector representatives and will be attending the first meeting on 13th June. There will also be representation from Te Pūkenga, Wananga, WDCs, RSLGs, MoE and TEC

The other different governance and advisory groups that have guided the programme over the last four years are being disestablished.

## **ITENZ Conference - EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS CLOSE TODAY**

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

**12th and 13th September**

[Conference Early Bird registrations HERE.](#)

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 will be made via [the website](#) and the Call for Speakers will include the information below.

**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.**



## **ITENZ Research**

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, 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 to inform strategy, planning, advocacy and marketing and your own organisation



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

The research has been made possible with funding support from Education New Zealand

## **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**

A meeting in MS Teams was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May with a small turnout so main topics were pushed into the next meeting. An update for the NCEA Change programme was given and points discussed. The released Foundation Skills unit standards were discussed with people sharing how they may utilise the standards in their new programmes. Also raised were issues of how difficult it has become to offer NCEA in a tertiary setting with constant programme changes required to keep up with NZQA, WDC and MoE changes within the NZQCF and Vocational Pathways. The need to work with these agencies to ensure pathways into industry will be accessible for those at level 2 as further sector change to skills standards and micro credentials is being developed was discussed. Members are available for consultation and input with suggestions to work alongside the WDCs as they develop the level 1-3 vocational pathways. **Next meeting – MS Teams 27 June 2023. 12-1pm.**

### **SDR Users**

The SDR Users Community of Practice has monthly meetings for administrators



working with PTE compliance. We decided at our last meeting to continue our informal meeting style with a check in and then a discussion about any questions or concerns that we have, or interesting developments related to our work (SDR, Wash-ups, Ngā Kete, TEC funding, SMS etc). **The next meeting is from 3 – 4 pm on Tuesday 13 June 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**

Ngā mihi nui from the Māori engagement rōpū, very keen to welcome anyone who wants to sit in on our monthly zoom kōrero. Next hui is **Tuesday 13 June, at 2.00 pm**. Our main focus is on how to best support current tauira as learners, and also how to develop bi-cultural capability in our own PTEs. An exciting and important area of growth for us all. Please contact Wayne for the link.

#### **International Education Forum**

See the article on the IEF Auckland event above.

### **ITENZ webinars and professional development**

#### **Past webinars**

About 50 people attended last week's webinar in which Ruth Peterson described **Ako Aotearoa's Te Tiriti workshops**. She explained the reason for having separate workshops for Māori and non-Māori, and the differences between the workshops. You will be able to see the recording of the workshop in the Members' Area of the website and find information about upcoming workshops below.

#### **Upcoming webinars**

*Calendar invitations for all webinars are sent to ITENZ's main contact in your*

*organisation.*

### **ITENZ Awards**

#### **Thursday 1 June 1-1.30pm**

This webinar will explain the purpose and benefits of the ITENZ awards, the value to organisations of participating, the prizes attached, and the support available.

### **Immigration NZ update**

#### **Wednesday 7 June 1-2pm**

In this webinar Celia Combes from INZ will provide an update on areas affecting PTEs and answer members' questions.

### **Ako Aoteroa Te Tiriti workshops**

In the webinar on the workshops (above), we stated, ITENZ is offering a 10% discount on top of the already discounted Ako Aotearoa fees, and that we have arranged some workshops purely for our members. These will be run on the 10th, 25th, and 28th of July. To find out more and register, please go to the following links.

<https://events.humanitix.com/itenz-te-tiriti-o-waitangi-a-visual-history-10july23>

<https://events.humanitix.com/itenz-te-tiriti-o-waitangi-a-visual-history-25july23>

<https://events.humanitix.com/itenz-te-tiriti-o-waitangi-a-visual-history-28july23>

#### **Note that:**

1. A minimum of 15 is required to run these webinars for ITENZ.
2. There is a maximum of 20 per workshop. If the webinars are oversubscribed, we reserve the right to limit the number of participants from each organisation.

### **ITENZ website - photos**

We are currently working on updating the ITENZ website.

We would like some more up-to-date and representative photos. Those 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 photos showing:

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

## **Member news**

### **Le Cordon Bleu President and CEO, M. André J. Cointreau visits New Zealand**

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2023, Monsieur Cointreau arrived in Wellington. He was welcomed by Le Cordon Bleu New Zealand staff and students with a formal dinner celebrating New Zealand's finest ingredients.

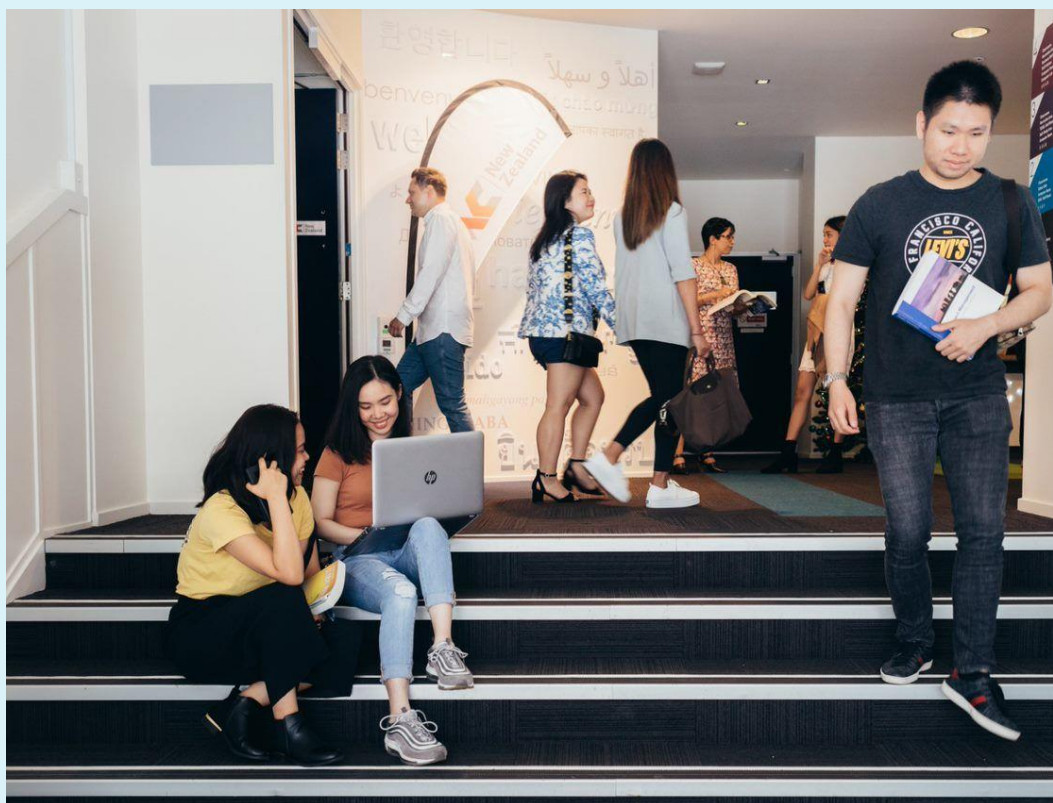
Notable guests in attendance included Madame Laurence Beau, the French Ambassador to New Zealand; David Shackleton, Chaîne des Rôtisseurs New Zealand's bailli; Sharon McCrostie, Education New Zealand (ENZ) Director Sector Engagement; Wayne Dyer, Chief Executive, Independent Tertiary Education NZ (ITENZ); Mark Oldershaw, LCBNZ outgoing Director; and Tumu Whenua Executive Director of Te Pukenga; and Nick Gurner, General Manager of Le Cordon Bleu Australia.



### **ATMC reopens**

After a long period of hibernation due to the impact of border closures, ATMC NZ is preparing to re-open its doors to new students in July. For this first intake they will be offering their Bachelor of Applied Management and Bachelor of Applied Arts (Film and Digital Media Production) programs, as well as their level 7 Diploma courses in Software Development and Management Health care. The

staff and Management of ATMC NZ are looking forward to welcoming new students to begin their learning journey.



## Positions vacant in member organisations

### New members

We are pleased to welcome new member [Regent Training Centre](#), a PTE based in Whangarei, offering courses in building, ICT, automotive, and literacy and numeracy.

### Reminders

#### Emailing TEC

If you are emailing your relationship adviser, make sure you also copy



in [customerservices@tec.govt.nz](mailto:customerservices@tec.govt.nz). That way there will be someone to follow up and to check that your enquiry is being actioned.

**Ngā mihi nui**

**Wayne**



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