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"Responsive Education and Training: From Policy to Practice"

TIME	DAY 1 - TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2026		
	Batten 1	Batten 2	Stafford & Dodd Room
8:15 am	Arrival & Networking		
8:40 am	Welcome (20min)		
9:00 am	Featured Session - (60min) Julie Grace		
10:00 am	Exhibitor Turbo Pitch (20min)		
10:20 am	Morning tea (30min)		
10:50 am	Breakout Session (45min) Angelo Minelli - Le Cordon Bleu New Zealand From Plate to Practice: Using Industry–Academia Partnerships to Build Sustainability Skills and Reduce Food Waste in Hospitality	Breakout Session (45min) Dave Howden - SuperHuman AI The AI Blueprint for VET New Zealand: Why the Sector's Crisis Is an Operating Model Problem Breakout Session	Breakout Session - (45min) Sharon-May McCrostie - ENZ, Craig Musson - National Trade Academy, Jenny Jenkins - Le Cordon Bleu New Zealand, Paul Millar - INZ, Emily Fabling NZQA, Meenu Gulati - Eduget Global The International Education Journey: Opportunities, Expectations and Practical Advice
11:35 am	Breakout Session - (45min) Anthony Rice - People Partners Workforce Design for the AI Era: Why You're Optimising the Wrong Thing	Breakout Session (45min) Kevin Ekendahl - Audit Express Lara Dyer - Audit Express Matthew Dale - Audit Express Effectively managing AI risks in your PTE	Breakout Session (45min) Craig Boxall - Nexties What learners want before they tell you: early signals, better decisions
12:20 pm	Lunch (60min)		
1:20 pm	Breakout Session (45min) Gabriel Pankl - Native Tech Nikolasa Biasiny-Tule - Native Tech From Engagement to Progression: How the Native Tech Model Supports Learner Success	Breakout Session (45min) Tiffany Andrews - Fruition Horticulture Adam Barker - Scarlett From Policy to Practice: AI-Enabled Oral Assessment for Learner Success	Breakout Session (45min) Stuart Martin - George Angus Consulting Neuro-inclusion: From research to practice
2:05 pm	Breakout Session (45min) Alan Kan - Misson Ready Reimagining Education in the Age of AI: Moving from Awareness to Capability	Breakout Session (45min) Julie Sandbrook - JSS Consulting What Are We Incentivising? Translating Policy Intent into Organisational Behaviour and Outcomes in Vocational Education	Breakout Session (45min) Syeda Sadia Farzana - ATMC NZ The Responsive Practitioner: Why One Research Question Could Transform PTE Teaching — and What Gets in the Way
2:50 pm	Afternoon Tea (30min)		
3:20 pm	Featured Session - (45min) Grant Klinkum NZQA		
4:05 pm	Featured Session - (45min) David Downs, Education New Zealand		
4:50 pm	Conference Day concludes		
5:00 pm	Networking function and presentation of the ITENZ Awards (60 min)		
6:00 pm	End of Day 1		



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DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2026

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8:15 am	Arrival & Networking			
8:55 am	Reflections of Day 1			
9:15 am	Featured Session - (45min) Hon Penny Simmonds MP			
10:00 am	Morning tea (30min)			
10:30 am	Breakout Session (60min) Jane Elderkin - Affinity Plus College You Cannot AI Proof Assessments: So What Should You Moderate In- stead?	Breakout Session (60min) Kevin Ekendahl - Audit Express Lara Dyer - Audit Express Developing an effective risk man- agement framework to build respon- sive education systems	Breakout Session (60min) Pratishtha Purohit - EduventureNZ Making the Invisible Visible: Practical Strategies to Lift Engagement and Reduce Attrition	
11:30 am	Breakout Session (45min) Tyler Robbins - QED Associates Positioning Your Organisation for Success Under iQAF	Breakout Session (45min) Farrah King - Instructure Andy Donohue - BCITO Sue Davidson - Laidlaw College Title TBC	Breakout Session - (45min) Katrina Sutich - Ministry of Education Nyk Huntington - Ministry of Education Thinking about the future of Youth Guarantee	
12:15 am	Lunch (45min)			
1:00 pm		Featured Session - Political Panel: Shannon Halbert (Labour), TBC Dr Parmjeet Parmar (Act), Francisco Hernandez (Greens), TBC Andy Foster (NZ First) (60min)		
2:00 pm		Snack Time (10min)		
2:10 pm	Featured Session - Tim Fowler, Tertiary Education Commission (40min)			
2:50 pm	Draw winners of the Passport game			
3:05 pm	Conference conclusion			