



Te Whānau Tupu Ngātahi o Aotearoa

Kaitiaki | Trustee Board nomination form

The successful nominee will need to complete a form for 'fit and proper person' and 'conflicts of interest' statutory declarations, which are required from governing members of a private training establishment (PTE) under the Education Act 1989 ("the Act")

Policy (Pre-requisites-Remits from NZPF Conference 1993):

- All Federation Officers and nominees (elected and/or appointed) to have completed Treaty of Waitangi workshops and participate in ongoing in Treaty and Bi-Cultural related issues.
- Representatives at Federation level reflect their commitment to Playcentre by choosing Playcentre as the main early childhood education for children

Name: Michelle Hutton

Playcentre: Blockhouse Bay Playcentre

Rōpū Māori:

Cluster: Auckland Central West

Region: Auckland



EDUCATION AND SKILLS THAT WOULD ADD VALUE TO THE TRUSTEE BOARD

What have you bi-culturally contributed to your Playcentre | Rōpū Māori?

Through my Playcentre education journey to Course 4, I have studied Te Ao Māori including Tikanga Māori, Te Reo and Te Tiriti o Waitangi. I have also facilitated the Course 3 Te Tiriti o Waitangi workshops on many occasions, as well as participating in professional development opportunities as they arise. I have also been active in supporting the re-establishment of the Auckland rōpū – Te Rito. I have been very fortunate to have been embraced by whānau Māori in several different contexts outside of Playcentre. These experiences and the studies I have undertaken have enriched my life and expanded my understanding and awareness.

I bring this into my roles at Playcentre through sharing the knowledge I have with others, using Te Reo regularly, and embracing our partnership journey. Experiencing the two-house model at many national meetings and as a negotiator at AGM 2018 has further enhanced my understanding of Playcentre's partnership journey. I am dedicated to continuing my bi-cultural journey through further conversation, professional development, and reflection, and through this supporting Playcentre alongside our partners in Te Whare Tikanga Māori.

What will you contribute to Te Whānau Tupu Ngātahi o Aotearoa?

I was a Playcentre child, joining Playcentre at 6 months of age in Hastings. As a parent I started my Playcentre journey in the Space programme with Fynn (now 7 ½ years old), and we then joined South City Playcentre in Hastings. We then moved to Tāmaki Makaurau where I was welcomed at Blockhouse Bay Playcentre. Our second tamaiti, Felix, is now 4 years old and at Playcentre four mornings a week. My life has been steeped in Playcentre kaupapa, with three generations of my whanau being involved in Playcentre almost continuously since I was an infant through to the present day. Playcentre is my passion, and I am absolutely committed to ensuring we continue to thrive into the future.

I have now been a member of the Trustee Board for three months. Whilst this is not a long time in the grand scheme of things, I am greatly encouraged by the working relationships which I am developing with the other members of the Trustee Board. The existing Trustee Board members have been very welcoming and generous in sharing their time and knowledge with the new board members as we begin our journey. I feel the Trustee Board has made great strides in the last three months (most of which is behind the scenes and so not readily obvious to members) which has set us up for success in the coming year/s. I appreciate the opportunity to walk alongside our partners in Te Whare Tikanga Māori as we navigate this journey together

As a trustee, I hope to continue to be an effective advocate for all Playcentres and members. Once again, it would be an honour and a privilege to serve our tamariki and whānau as a Tāngata Tiriti Trustee.

What will you contribute to the Trustee Board?

I bring to the role of Trustee strengths in communication, the ability to breakdown complex information into manageable chunks, maintaining a view of the bigger picture when faced with multidimensional situations, building understanding through conversation, and solution-focused thinking. I have also had experience in organisational change management, and I'm using these skills to assist Playcentre through the final phases of this transition.

I believe very strongly in open and honest communication. I feel I am approachable, and take time to listen and understand others worldview. Relationships are one of the keys to our success, and I will continue to build relationships with members from around the country at centre and cluster level.

Through my work as Auckland Association President, I have developed an understanding of both governance and management and the split between the two. I have been involved in the management of staff, financial planning, etc. alongside our management team, as well as working with our governance board to ensure strong, effective governance of our association.

Provide a brief non-Playcentre work, volunteer, education and life history prior to and/or Playcentre

I have a Bachelor of Technology (majoring in Food Technology) and prior to becoming a parent I worked for a large multi-national food company for 10 years in a variety of roles. During this time I gained skills in working with people from a wide range of backgrounds/cultures, organisational change management and leadership in a variety of platforms, stakeholder engagement, working cooperatively within and leading multi-disciplinary teams, project management, managing significant budgets, prioritisation and time management skills (both for myself and for teams I was managing).

I was also active in promoting STEM in schools (both primary and secondary) through NZIFST, as an ambassador for FutureInTech, and mentored students in a range of industry-related projects. I loved this work of inspiring the next generation and awakening them to the myriad of possibilities for themselves.

Time Commitment - Please comment on your ability to meet the time commitment for the Trustee Member role:

Having now been on the Trustee Board for three months I have a fuller understanding of the commitments required, and can confidently confirm that I have the capacity available to dedicate to the Trustee role. With my wonderfully supportive husband, Fynn at school (and Felix joining him at the beginning of next year) I currently have a couple of mornings a week of dedicated time, with other work being slotted in as needed. I am able to attend the weekend meetings, and can make myself available at other times as required. I will continue to work as an adult education facilitator on an ad-hoc basis as I'm very passionate about life-long learning and the opportunities provided by our adult education programme.

REFERENCES

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If you have questions you wish to be directed to the nominee, please send them to the *Whare | House Administrator* to be forwarded on.