



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 training 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 their children.

Name: *Tiso Ross*

Playcentre: *Hataitai Playcentre life member*

Region: *Lower North Island Hub (Wellington)*



EDUCATION AND SKILLS THAT WOULD ADD VALUE TO THE TRUSTEE BOARD

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

I've studied in all Māori world view, Tikanga Māori and Te Reo related Playcentre education available up to Course 4.1 level. I gained so much from this learning and have tried to weave this growing awareness and understanding into my roles as on a playcentre duty team, as a parent and into my everyday life. This learning also helped prepare me to participate in the two house governance model as a Tāngata Tiriti member at National AGM and hui. Recently I've been able to attend the Te Hāpai staff development Victoria University which has further increased my awareness and understanding. I see bi-cultural partnership as a life long journey of learning and feel honoured to be working alongside my trustee partners/fellow house members on the Trustee Board since November last year.

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

When I was confirmed an incoming Tāngata Tiriti Trustee at the 2018 Tāngata Tiriti Hui I did my best to prepare for the role. Since being ratified at 2018 AGM I've worked hard to familiarise myself with all aspects of the role I can see and build strong working relationships with my Tāngata Tiriti Co-president and fellow Tāngata Tiriti Trustee and our partner Trustees is Te Whare Tikanga Māori. I feel within the last three months we have already started achieving this. The induction weekend in December and three-day board meeting in February where we've been able to work face to face was incredibly valuable time for me. I have seen many positives developing and have learnt a great deal especially looking for ways I can support centres from this level. Priorities for me, if I stay on as a Tāngata Tiriti trustees past my current term which ends at AGM in November, are working towards a strong emergent leadership culture in our house as well as supporting Playcentre Aotearoa navigation's into our new constitution and governance/operations structure.

What will you contribute to the Trustee Board?

Although I don't currently have the length of national level experience as my fellow trustees (my first national meeting was AGM 2017) I'm passionate about Playcentre Philosophy, supporting children and caregivers/parents in their journey at centre and the success of Playcentre Aotearoa. I feel I have fresh eyes to compliment my teams experience. Some of my strengths are listening, asking questions and reminding. I have a strong attention to detail and administrative skills. I enjoy working in a team and supporting my group to achieve our goals.

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

With my partner Yuki I'm a mum of two boys, 8 and 6, we are a New Zealand Japanese family. I lived in Japan for ten years before Yuki and I moved to New Zealand and started a family. I have an undergraduate qualification in Fine Arts and a CELTA certificate. Before kids I worked for many years in a large Private English Language company where my main roles were teaching children and adults, training new teachers and managing the teaching staff in branches in my region. I currently work part time supporting doctoral admissions and university scholarships.

Time Commitment - Please comment on your ability to meet the time commitment for the Trustee Board Member role: My current situation means I'm able to give back to playcentre after the precious support and learning my family and I have benefited from over the years. With both my children at primary school, I'm able to balance part time work, volunteering once a week on session and the commitment to this role. Since becoming a Trustee three months ago I now have a clearer and more tangible understanding of the time commitment and workload. This is a significant volunteer role and I'm learning to balance this with regular time looking after myself. Personally I already feel I have gained from the first three months of being a Trustee.

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.