



# Te Whānau Tupu Ngātahi o Aotearoa

## Tāngata Tiriti - 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 and Training Act 2020 ("the Act")

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

All Playcentre Aotearoa 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 reflect their commitment to Playcentre by choosing Playcentre as the main early childhood education for their children

Name:	Kavita Budhia
Playcentre:	Windy Ridge Playcentre (2011 - 2020)
Nomination for:	Trustee (please delete as appropriate)
Governance Region:	Northern North Island

### EDUCATION AND SKILLS THAT WOULD ADD VALUE TO THE TRUSTEE BOARD

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

Working in partnership is one of my highlights of my Playcentre journey.

Supporting our Bi-cultural officers at centre, creating resources, budgeting for resources and event and role-modelling the use of te reo Māori and tikanga in our sessions and hui. Generally sharing the knowledge - which I continue to do with the school board I serve on. I took up opportunities provided to our centres by our Rōpu to further develop my language skills and understanding of tikanga to feed this back to my centre and continuously build on our learning and understanding - in effort to normalise these aspects for our tamariki.

Holding the position of Association President at North Shore Playcentre Association (Te Raki Pae Whenua), I worked alongside the Rōpu through our Kaiwhakahaere Māori in a strong and effective partnership. Together we worked alongside Te Herenga Waka o Orewa Marae to open the Associations first full immersion Playcentre at Silverdale.

Attendance at National Hui gave me further opportunity to work in partnership - again allowing me to feed this experience and knowledge back to my centre.

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

I am extremely passionate about Playcentre, its philosophy and the value it adds to our Tamariki, whanau and New Zealanders lives. It is not the easiest option for us as parents, however I believe it is the most rewarding. I want nothing more than to see Playcentre be an option available to all whanau for years to come and hope that my children have the option to attend Playcentre with their own children someday.

- Leadership Skills
- Verbal and Written Communication Skills
- Interpersonal Skills
- Problem Solving Skills
- Results Orientation
- Business Acumen
- Commercial Understanding
- Playcentre Experience/ Organisational Awareness
- Playcentre Management Team experience
- Reliability
- Passion
- Commitment
- Enthusiasm

## ***What will you contribute to the Trustee Board?***

Strengths I would bring to the team would be my pragmatic and collaborative approach, alongside my inherent belief that a range of perspectives are key to ensuring great outcomes. I believe the board should be providing our leader with clear, considered guidance and direction to empower them to support Playcentre.

Playcentre philosophy is in my heart. It aligns with my own personal values and philosophy so my contribution would align with this naturally. Thinking strategically is what I do, whilst having an understanding and experience of how strategy links to operations (but knowing as a governor to leave that to operations!) Other skills I will contribute;

- Governance experience
- BCom, GradDip, C4 of Playcentre Diploma in Early Childhood and Adult Education
- Vision and big picture thinking.
- Experience with strategic and annual planning within the education sector.
- Understanding of the importance of legislative and regulatory requirements in the educational sector.
- Understanding of bicultural practice – a broad understanding of tikanga and Te Reo.
- Understanding of the importance of sound cross-cultural communication.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Strong interpersonal and group skills.

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

I served as North Shore Playcentre Association President from 2016-2020 during the period of operational and legal amalgamation and have attended several national hui over the years.

I had held several positions at my Centre including President, Treasurer, Secretary, Health & Safety, Public Relations, Fundraising and New Members. I also hold C4. This was over my time at Windy Ridge Playcentre with my 3 children between 2011 - 2020. My niece currently attends Onepoto Playcentre on the North Shore of Auckland with her whānau, so I am still connected!

These roles are supported by a Bachelor of Commerce (Marketing and Operations Management) and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Accounting. I have worked in the corporate world and currently work as an Operations manager for Community Think a collective that it committed to social change and making a positive impact in the Community.

The combination of my Playcentre, work experience and education provide me with the ability to see the bigger picture and my pragmatic and collaborative approach alongside my inherent belief that a range of perspectives are key to ensuring great outcomes. I thrive on complexity and can interpret information to focus on the important aspects relevant to the role I am in.

## ***Time Commitment – please comment on your ability to meet the time commitment for the Trustee Board Member role:***

I confirm I am able to commit to the time required to serve as Trustee Board Member

## **REFERENCES**

Name of referee	
Telephone	
Email	

