

Towards a new Paradigm for Education

Inspiration - Network - Mindfulness

Teachers & Parents

Do you want :

- children to be empathic, kind and self-reliant ?
- children to learn and strive ?
- the overall achievement of your school to increase ?
- to know the new paradigm for education ?

This conference will inspire you to new ways of thinking, be an opportunity for networking and allow you time to reflect on the ideas presented. Minor exercises in increasing self-awareness will be demonstrated. The conference is part of a visit to New Zealand by Jesper Juul, a European capacity within family well-being and development of empathy and mindfulness in schools.

Saturday, Feb 2 2013

10am - 5pm

Founders Park, Nelson

\$130 + GST

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JESPER JUUL - Towards new values in Schools

Key note speaker, Jesper Juul, family therapist, author ("Raising Competent Children") and founder of FamilyLab, will propose a new way of being with the children based on empathy, mindfulness and equal dignity. Jesper will also relate how research demonstrates how these new qualities improve the learning environment both academically and socially. Over the past two decades, Jesper Juul has challenged many of the major assumptions of traditional develop-mental psychology as well as the dominating models for educating and raising children. He is supporting the European Commission in defining a new educational politic.



MARGARET GIROUX : "21 st Century learning - how might it look?"

Margaret will challenge our most fundamental assumptions about education. Revealing their origin, she will question their continuous viability. Based on her work with Jane Gilbert and Ally Bull from NZCER and three state schools, she will suggest what is required for education in the 21st century - which is not just the newest gadget! Margaret has worked with children's natural learning abilities for years, e.g. at Christchurch's special character schools Discover1 School and Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti, both based on democratic principles. She has many years of practical hands-on experience as an educator, educational researcher and educational consultant. Her focus is on schooling that recognizes and supports diversity of perspectives, skills, and pathways.

TANIA CORBETT : "Nelson - an Educational City?"

Worldwide educational cities are emerging - cities in which the whole community is engaged in the education of children to the benefit of all. Tania has just returned from three months working at Nuestra Escuela (Our School) in Puerto Rico. Nuestra Escuela is part of an educational city and has a holistic humanistic approach to education. Tania, former teacher at Motueka High School, is part of a group working together with NCC towards developing Nelson and Tasman region into an educational city. Tania will be sharing her experiences at Nuestra Escuela and the vision for Nelson as an Educational City.



BIRGIT BAADER : "Holistic learning with the feet in neuroscience"

Based on eight years of exploring "alternative learning concepts" worldwide as part of a research group under the German Min. of Edu. Birgit Baader, journalist and author, will share how school satisfaction for teachers, students and parents can be increased and why holistic learning is common sense when you look from the perspective of neuroscience.

LOUISE K. NIELSEN : Positive teacher-student relations - How to achieve it ?

Based on her Ph.D. research Louise Klinge Nielsen will explain what it is that makes a relation between a teacher and a student a positive experience and how a teacher can create a positive relation to any student or class. Furthermore, she will suggest how the education of teachers can be improved to support new teachers in relating positively. She will also cover how scolding influences the general well-being of 'children and their ability to learn, and how it is possible to keep bullying below the radar of kids. Louise has worked as a teacher for several years, including at a Danish holistic school.



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