



# Teacher Education Forum of Aotearoa New Zealand

Te Rauika Titohu Kaiako o Aotearoa

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Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

Nau mai, haere mai, welcome to the first TEFANZ newsletter.

From now on you will receive a newsletter from TEFANZ three times a year: March, July and October, following each Executive Meeting.

The newsletter aims to keep our members up to date on TEFANZ activities and the national ITE landscape more generally. It will also be used to advertise opportunities to participate in policy or research activities that are offered to or generated by TEFANZ. We welcome contributions by member organisations who would like to connect with other members through this medium. We hope you find it useful, and are happy to receive feedback (via Fiona Ell, [f.ell@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:f.ell@auckland.ac.nz)).

## **ATEA/TEFANZ Joint Conference 2018**

Our biennial conference was held in Melbourne this year, jointly with ATEA (Australian Teacher Education Association). There was a large TEFANZ contingent, with many members presenting research papers. Several chapters in the conference book, published by Springer, were authored by New Zealanders too. The theme: Teacher Education in and for Uncertain Times resonated with everyone, and was taken up in different ways by conference presenters. Associate Professor Mere Berryman from Waikato University was a keynote speaker, and gave an excellent presentation centred on developing the 'mauri ora' of young people, especially Māori learners.

## **Next Forum and Conference**

In 2019 we will hold a one-day TEFANZ forum meeting (which four people from each institution can attend). It will be hosted by Canterbury University.

In 2020 we will host a joint ATEA/TEFANZ conference in NZ for the first time. To make travel easy for our Australian colleagues this conference will be hosted by the University of Auckland.

## **Executive Elections**

The TEFANZ AGM was held at the recent conference. All but one member organisation were present to vote for the two executive roles that were up for re-election this year. It was wonderful to have eight people interested in serving on the TEFANZ executive. Alex Gunn and Bev Norsworthy were returned to the executive as a result of the poll. When the executive meet in October they will discuss co-opting further members and will open a consultation on the constitution to look at the structure of the executive and how we can

ensure that all ITE sector voices are included. You can expect to hear more about the outcomes of this discussion and the process for change in the October newsletter. Thank you to all those who put themselves forward for election. The October executive meeting will choose the office holders for the coming term.

### **ITEAG**

Bev Cooper is the TEFANZ representative on the ECNZ's ITE Advisory Group. Other members of executive are also on the group, but not as TEFANZ representatives. Bev is limited as to what she can report back to us about the ITEAG activities, but they are currently considering the draft of new regulations for ITE programmes. We will keep you informed as much as we can.

### **PPTA and NZEI Meetings**

For a number of years TEFANZ members with Secondary programmes have met twice a year with PPTA to discuss issues in both sectors and keep each other informed. This has been a valuable forum. Late last year we initiated a similar meeting with NZEI, who were keen to meet with us. We met again in May and will meet again in Wellington on Tuesday November 20<sup>th</sup> 9.30-2pm. The November 2017 meeting was for primary providers, the May meeting had primary and ECE providers in separate meetings. The November 2018 meeting, by request, will be with both sectors meeting together with NZEI. You should have received an invitation to this meeting. Please RSVP your attendance to Fiona Ell ([f.ell@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:f.ell@auckland.ac.nz)).

### **TEFANZ Student Survey and future research**

If you would like to administer the TEFANZ student survey to your students at the end of this year, please contact Bev Cooper ([bcooper@waikato.ac.nz](mailto:bcooper@waikato.ac.nz)). This will be the last time that the survey in its current form will be available. We will be looking into a new survey based on the new Standards and Code to help you gather evidence about your programmes. Several other suggestions about national support for ITE research have also been made. If you have ideas about how TEFANZ could help stimulate or support ITE research nationally, please let an executive member know.

### **Literacy and numeracy entry assessments**

ECNZ are keen to test our students at entry using literacy and numeracy tools to see if these tools work with teacher candidates and to assess the levels of literacy and numeracy with a common measure. They wanted to do this in April, but we were successful in lobbying to do it at the beginning of next year so it could be embedded in orientation activities as an option for students. There will be some resourcing available to administer the test now too. NZCER will be doing this work for ECNZ.

### **Practising certificates for teacher educators**

Earlier in the year a new 'grid' for collating evidence about teaching in teacher education settings was circulated to member institutions for their use. The new grid uses the new standards and provides suggested tertiary-environment activities for meeting each standard. It has been approved for use by ECNZ.

### **Fees**

At the AGM we agreed to keep the fees at 2017 levels. These are: \$1000 for institutions with fewer than 500 teacher education EFTS and \$2000 for institutions with more than 500 teacher education EFTS.

### **Representation**

TEFANZ currently represents teacher educators on the following groups:

- i) The Tertiary Teaching Awards – Lexie Grudnoff
- ii) Education Council Initial Teacher Education Advisory Group (ITEAG) -Bev Cooper
- iii) The Education Council Standards Review Advisory Group –Bev Cooper
- iv) The Education Council Code of Conduct working group- Tracey Hooker
- v) The Education Council Leadership working group Sally Hansen

Best wishes to everyone for the second semester. We are doing a difficult job in an uncertain environment. Please let an executive member know if you have ideas about how TEFANZ could further support your work. Kia kaha!

Fiona (on behalf of the TEFANZ executive).