

TEFANZ Newsletter Number 11

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Kia ora koutou; ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

As we rapidly approach the end of school term 1, and the Easter break/mid semester break for many TEFANZ members, we hope you have some time away from work planned after what has been yet another disrupted beginning to the year. The cumulative impact of the uncertainties of the last two years is evident in schools, centres and tertiary education spaces, alongside plentiful evidence of hope, generosity of spirit and advanced problem solving! Kia kaha koutou.

This newsletter contains some interesting opportunities that we hope you can take up, and the details of how we will approach this year's conference, awards and AGM. TEFANZ continues to be seen by the Teaching Council and the Ministry of Education as a voice for teacher education providers, so we encourage you to connect with us and share your thoughts and experiences.

In 2024 TEFANZ will be 25 years old, and we have some plans to mark this milestone. It is important to remember and record the history of teacher education advocacy in Aotearoa New Zealand, to help us understand where we are now and appreciate those who came before us.

TEFANZ Conference 2022

Ongoing disruption and uncertainty have led the executive to decide not to hold a conference in 2022. Instead, we will host an online seminar, with the AGM and a speaker of interest to members. We will also present the 2022 TEFANZ awards (see below) at this meeting.

Stand for the executive at the AGM

The AGM will be on July 20th 2022, between 5-7pm.

Two executive positions will be available at the AGM. Nominations for executive can be made before the meeting or from the floor and need a mover and a seconder from member institutions. We will be in touch with each institution prior to the AGM to nominate who will vote on their behalf at the AGM and to ensure a quorum for the meeting.

TEFANZ Awards and Fellows: Nominate now!

The TEFANZ Awards for Sustained Excellence in Teacher Education and Emerging Leadership in Teacher Education will be presented at the AGM in July. Nominations for these awards

are invited from member institutions. The nomination process and forms are available on the TEFANZ website.

In addition, the recently adopted TEFANZ constitution establishes the award of 'Fellow' of TEFANZ. This award recognises those who have provided sustained, excellent service to teacher education. The award is open to any teacher educator who has demonstrated sustained outstanding leadership and contributions to TEFANZ and teacher education through high quality research, teacher education policy developments, leadership and practice. The nomination forms and an outline of the process and nature of the Fellow award can be found on the TEFANZ website.

Responding to Māori and Pasifika people in ITE

For those of you who might be looking for a good resource that your teacher education students can use independently to build their reo Māori, try this site:

<http://www.tokureo.maori.nz/index.cfm/1,188,0,43,html/Series1.html>

Each video contains segments on vocabulary, sentence structure and tikanga/mātauranga Māori.

The Pacific Evidence Brief 2019

(https://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/publications/pasifika_education/best-practice-for-teaching-pacific-learners-pacific-evidence-brief) is a useful document for informing discussion with teacher education students about their contribution to Pacific learners' aspirations.

MoE consultation on the Curriculum Refresh

The Ministry of Education has been in touch with Alex Gunn as chair of TEFANZ to signal a series of meetings with Heads of ITE over the next three years to talk about the Curriculum Refresh work. These will be opportunities to hear about what is changing and what the implications are for ITE. Alex will be in touch with TEFANZ whānau when she has further information about dates and agendas, so keep a look out for this.

TEFANZ involvement in policy and teacher education developments

TEFANZ has continued to contribute to developments in teacher education through involvement with the Teaching Council ITE Advisory Group, which has recently been reconvened. Bev Cooper has represented us on this group, and we are grateful for her service. Alex Gunn will be our representative from now on. Alex has also worked with NZEI providing commentary on their 'Future of ITE' position paper.

ITERC: an international teacher education research opportunity

The International Teacher Education Research Collective (ITERC) is a group of researchers and members of teacher education organizations that are researching the theme of Teacher Education Knowledgebases in national and international contexts of policy, practice, and theory. Though a relatively new group, our membership includes members of the Australian Teacher Education Association (ATEA) and Teacher Education Advancement Network (TEAN) as well as academics from universities in Aotearoa, Australia, the UK, Canada, Poland, and Finland. We meet once a month as a large group, and Aotearoa members will begin meeting once a month soon.

If you are interested in joining, or would like more information, please contact Dr Tony Carusi at Massey Uni: f.a.carusi@massey.ac.nz

TEFANZ Fees for 2022

Last year we waived fees for TEFANZ membership. This year we will be invoicing institutions again, following the AGM. The fees have been set for 2022 at 2020 levels.

Executive Meeting News

In addition to the items above, the Executive voted to fund a publication on the history of TEFANZ to mark its 25th anniversary. It will be launched at the 2024 conference. Noleen Alcorn and Bev Cooper will work together on writing the book, including collating materials and interviewing people who have contributed to the work of TEFANZ since its instigation.

Our next executive meeting will be held virtually on July 13th, prior to the AGM.

Noho ora ra

Fiona (on behalf of the TEFANZ executive).

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).

TEFANZ is a climate conscious organisation. TEANZ strongly encourages purchase of carbon offset for all travel associated with TEFANZ business and events.

Want to find out more about carbon offset?

https://www.orataiao.org.nz/offset_your_emissions

<https://ekos.org.nz/>

<https://www.airnewzealand.co.nz/sustainability-customer-carbon-offset>