

NZSE Research News

EXCITING EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

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Welcome to Alanah Malkani, Programme Leader Business, who has been co-opted onto the Research Committee. This will be a busy year for the Research Committee as NZSE works towards getting its first Graduate Diplomas approved this year and we will be submitting applications to NZQA.

We also welcome Kabas Albakry to the Creative Technologies team as Programme Leader for the Graduate Diploma in ICT programme we will be submitting to NZQA for approval this year. Kabas joins New Zealand School of Education after 12 years at Auckland Institute of Studies.

We are excited to announce the date of our 2016 Research Symposium, which will be on 9th November 2016 at our city campus. This will be an exciting opportunity for staff and students to present their research. Read more about the Symposium on page 3.

In April we officially opened our new Avondale campus. Read more about



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Students from the Rutherford College Kapa Haka Group open the new Avondale campus with a Powhiri

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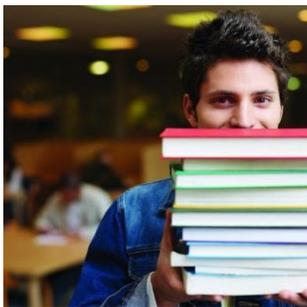
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Designing Research Projects to Improve Teaching and Learning

Staff from the School of Creative Technologies attended the Ako Aotearoa workshop. This workshop provided participants with a framework and processes that they can draw on when conceptualising new learning and teaching research projects. While such projects can differ widely in the way they are implemented and reported, there is a common 'story-line' with respect to the way researchers conceptualize or plan them.

The workshop focussed in particular on *what researchers think about* and *how researchers think* when they 'come up with' a research project, emphasize 'learning by doing' and participants made significant progress with the development of a new project or refinement of their existing ideas about a project.

Staff are subsequently completing the development of proposals for new learning and teaching research projects.



Avondale Campus Opening



In an intimate and emotive ceremony, NZSE celebrated the opening of its brand new Avondale Campus on Wed 20th April 2016. Officially opened by the Hon Amy Adams, Minister of Justice and Communications and attended by VIP guests, industry stakeholders and staff the function commenced with a welcome Powhiri by NZSE staff and the Rutherford College Kapa Haka group. Built to serve as a hub of Creative Technologies studies for the wider West Auckland area, the fourth Auckland campus provides modern learning spaces which promotes a blend of learning styles, matched to emulate the real life working environments in the workplace today.

In her welcome address, Minister Amy Adams congratulated NZSE on this move and acknowledged the work of education providers, especially those delivering IT programmes to the community - "The next piece that NZ has to think about is how to move from building infrastructure to getting the country to really fly in using it. To do that we need to build a lot of capability in a whole range of jobs in IT.... We have to get our kids excited about it!" The rebranded School of Creative Technologies opens the doors to "a go ahead career where there are possibilities right across the world, with salaries over double the NZ average" she added.

"NZSE has a long history of engagement in West Auckland, especially for second chance learners" said Brijesh Sethi, Managing Director of NZSE "so this new campus is a natural progression in reaffirming our commitment to this area".

In this modern facility, NZSE will introduce new pedagogy, a model for integrated learning suited to the millennial generation and reflects the new work environments and focus on remote access employment within in the technology sector. The space can be utilized in multiple ways to simulate the "real life" work environment and the teaching – learning model encourages collaborative problem solving and team work.

Vodafone's CEO of Networking Sharina Nisha, addressed the gathering and expressed the key role played by NZSE as a partner in educating the digital generation and giving them confidence in choosing an exciting and lucrative career in the IT industry. She also acknowledged and congratulated five domestic students who were recipients of the Vodafone Technology Scholarship which will support their pursuit of success in the IT industry.



Upcoming Academic Conferences

New Zealand Association for Research in Education
20th - 23rd Nov 2016, Wellington

Aims and Ends in Education
29th Aug 2016, Christchurch

RECE International Conference
30th Oct – 3rd Nov 2016, Wairakei

2016 Research Symposium

We will be hosting our 2016 Research Symposium on 9th November 2016 at our city campus.

Ruth Barnes, Dean, Faculty of Health, Education and Humanities – Te Pakaro a Ihenga at Waiariki Bay of Plenty Polytechnic will be giving the key note speech.

*Ruth has an extensive background in academic and senior management roles most recently being appointed as Dean of Te Pakaro a Ihenga: Faculty of Health Education and Humanities at Waiariki Institute of Technology.

Her passions include teacher education in early childhood, primary and tertiary sectors. Ruth's research interests include the provision of literacy in the classroom, professional practice, leadership and mentoring.



*Source: Waiariki Bay of Plenty Polytechnic website

Following the key note speech there will be a break out session and the opportunity to hear from different staff about their research.

Following that we will come together to hear from three groups of students presenting their research projects.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like to know more about the 2016 Research Symposium email the Research Committee.
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Staff Research Activities

Mal Green, Business Tutor has been accepted to present three sessions at the Annual Symposium in Management and Social Sciences (ASMSS) on July 5th – 7th in Seoul, Korea. The symposium provides an international platform for academic, researchers and scholars from all over the world to exchange ideas on Management and Social Sciences.

Mal is excited about this opportunity as he says "it represents a significant step in my late run to develop a contribution in the world of education". He will be presenting a paper titled Spiralinear model of pyscho – social cognitive growth. Mal is looking forward to testing his work in a non-European environment. He will also be presenting on his approach to intercultural competence and have the opportunity to be challenged in a non-Western European context.



NZSE is pleased to welcome **Kabas Albakry** to the Creative Technologies team as Programme Leader for the Graduate Diploma in ICT. Kabas joins NZSE in May and will be working on the development of this new programme.

Kabas holds an MSc in Computer Engineering from the University of Technology, Baghdad and a Certificate in Adult Teaching from AUT as well as industry certifications MSCD and MCP.

Kabas has taught papers in application development, database engineering, business intelligence covering data warehousing and data mining, system analysis and design, human computer interaction, software testing, and supervised a wide range of industry projects.

Her main research areas is teaching and learning and she has 8 refereed publications. Kabas has presented at various conferences including the Computing and Information Technology Research and Education New Zealand Conference in 2011 and 2012.



29th Annual CITRENZ Conference

Kabas will be presenting a paper at the 2016 CITRENZ Conference held over two days on 11th to 13th July in Wellington