

 **Tātai Aho Rau**

**uLearn23**

# Hōtaka | Programme



**Kia Tū Kahikatea! Stand together, like Kahikatea**

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# Te tirohanga whānui | Overview

Welcome to the uLearn23 programme! Be inspired by the stories and initiatives shared by speakers and activators. Meet with allies, ākonga, mana whenua, whānau, āinga, kaiako, kura, school and centre leaders, change agents and visionaries. Start planning your pathways through the conference!

## Kia Tū Kahikatea! Stand together, like Kahikatea

Brought to you in partnership with EPIT, uLearn23 is a call to action for educators to stand together like kahikatea to address issues of inequity for learners in Aotearoa. Choose from seven aratini (pathways) over two-and-a-half days. Select either ngā kaiwhakahiko (activator) or nga pekanga (breakout) sessions for each aratini.



## Ngā kaiwhakataki | MCs



**Stacey Morrison**

Ngāi Tahu, Te Arawa

Television and radio host,  
author and advocate



**Janelle Riki-Waaka**

Tainui Āwhiro, Ngāti Hauiti

Kaiwhakahaere (Director)  
Riki Consultancy Ltd

## Toi-ako | Edutainment

Rā tuatahi  
Day one



**Ché-Fu**

Ngāti Whakatere, Ngāti Raukawa,  
Ngāti Kauwhata, Ngāti Kuia

Recording artist and New Zealand  
Order of Merit recipient

[Link to bio >](#)

## Ngā kaihautū | Keynotes

Rā tuatahi  
Day one



### Dave Letele

Life coach and founder of The BBM Programme

A near-death experience motivated Dave Letele to transform his life for the better. Formally recognised as a professional boxer, Dave has transitioned into becoming a highly regarded motivational speaker and life coach in Aotearoa. He is also the creator of the impactful Buttabeen Motivation (BBM) programme, which is dedicated to combatting obesity among Māori and Pacific communities through education and support.

Keynote title: **Building Resilience**

[Link to keynote description >](#)

*Dave's appearance at uLearn is sponsored by 2degrees*

Rā tuarua  
Day two



### Pania Newton

Waikato, Ngāpuhi, Te Rarawa  
Lawyer and activist for Māori land rights in Aotearoa

Pania is passionate about te Reo Māori me onā Tikanga, the environment, social justice, indigenous rights, and working to achieve constitutional transformation in Aotearoa. Her research, as part of Toi Tu Ihumātao, is led for and by the whānau of Makaurau Marae and Te Ahiwaru iwi.

Keynote title: **to be confirmed**

[Link to keynote description >](#)

Rā tuarua  
Day two



### Cha'nel Kaa-Luke

Kaitakawaenga Turi Māori Ngāti Ruanui, Ngāruahine, Ngāti Porou  
Ko Taku Reo – Deaf Education New Zealand

Cha'nel is a Turi Māori wahine who grew up in Deaf Education and has now come full circle towards working in the organisation. Their work of Kaitakawaenga Turi Māori encompasses the dual identity development of being both Māori and Deaf, both in the community and education settings.

Keynote title:

**Addressing Inequities in Education: Māori Deaf Learners**

[Link to keynote description >](#)

*Cha'nel's appearance at uLearn is sponsored by the Wayne Francis Charitable Trust*

Rā tuatoru  
Day three



### Derek Wenmoth

Founder of FutureMakers, principal consultant at Tātai Aho Rau Core Education

Derek is an influential future-focused leader in our education landscape. He has advised schools and government agencies on shaping the future of education. He is driven by his belief in education as a fundamental right for all.

Keynote title:

**Pushing the Boundaries of Educational Possibility**

[Link to keynote description >](#)

## Aratini | Pathway 1

### Ngā kaiwhakahihiko | Activator sessions



#### Jessica Grauds

Accessibility and Lifelong Learning, Apple Initiatives

Session title: **Empowering learning diversity: Unleashing education's potential through personalised technology**

[Link to session description >](#)



#### Saoatulagi-ole-Tagaloa Penina Ifopo

Founder and director of Falelalaga – Aotearoa

Session title: **TAULA – The Anchor**

[Link to session description >](#)



#### Rāwiri Toia

Ngāpuhi  
Te Rōpū Whāiti, Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington  
[Link to bio and session description >](#)

#### Dr Tabitha McKenzie

Ngāti Hinerangi, Ngāti Ranginui, Ngāiterangi  
Te Rōpū Whāiti, Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington  
[Link to bio and session description >](#)

Session title:  
**Te Tīrewa Marautanga o Aotearoa – a new trajectory in curriculum design**

### Ngā pekanga | Breakout sessions

#### Akoranga | Sessions

Destreaming in Aotearoa by 2030

Youth voice: mental health and wellbeing initiatives in school

Empowering Pacific learners – cultivating digital leadership and equity in education

Equity as a measurement of leadership

E whakamana ngātahi ai i te huarahi ako: Enriching the learning journey together

Working with Te Mātaiaho | The refreshed New Zealand Curriculum and the updated learning areas

#### Ngā Kaiwhakaatu | Presenters

Amanda Campbell, Carmen Aldridge

Sharon Reece, Anna Brown

Mele Togiaso, Mandy Dempsey

Laurayne Tafa, Whetuu Nathan

Kirstin Hensman, Karen Russell

Chris Carr

[Link to Aratini | Pathway 1, Ngā pekanga | Breakout sessions descriptions >](#)



## Aratini | Pathway 2

### Huinga whakahihiko | Activator sessions



#### Derek Wenmoth

Founder of FutureMakers,  
principal consultant at Tātai  
Aho Rau Core Education

Session title:  
**Education For The Unborn:  
Expanding Our Time  
Horizon**

[Link to session description >](#)



#### Kaylee Wipani and Thando Mpozori

Students, Tū Kōkiri, Ko  
Taku Reo – Deaf Education  
New Zealand

Session title:  
**Understanding Deaf  
Opportunities and the  
Importance of Community:  
An International Deaf  
Experience**

[Link to Kaylee's bio >](#)  
[Link to Thando's bio >](#)

### Ngā pekanga | Breakout sessions

#### Akoranga | Sessions

Pasifika Navigators: the power of our stories

WHY Coaching? Collaborative practice for various  
contexts

Key concepts informing the design of socially  
inclusive resources

Strategic planning with the refreshed curriculum,  
Te Mātaiaho, and NCEA

He maunga, he kōrero, he awa, he kōrero: The  
mountain speaks, the river speaks

Empowering learners to use their voice: Empowering  
teachers to authentically differentiate learning

Creating inclusive schools for rainbow and  
takatāpui students

#### Ngā Kaiwhakaatu | Presenters

Dahlia Malaeulu

Teresa Hannard, Lauren Nummy

Gloria Gomez

Karen Spencer, Terry Fenn, Mere  
Davis

Te Mako Orzecki, Ellen McLean

Samantha Craig

Ella Sargison

[Link to Aratini | Pathway 2, Ngā pekanga | Breakout sessions descriptions >](#)

## Huinga whakahihiko | Activator sessions



### Dr Hana O'Regan

Kāi Tahu

Tumu Whakarae | Chief Executive Officer, Tātai Aho Rau Core Education

Session title:  
**Holding space for sacred and painful histories**

[Link to session description >](#)



### Vui Suli Tuitaupe

Founder/Chairperson, Moana Vā

Team Lead - Clinical & Health Promotion, Tangata Atumotu

Session title:  
**Thinking outside the coconut shell! Partnership with Pasifika individuals, families, and communities.**

[Link to session description >](#)

## Ngā pekanga | Breakout sessions

### Akoranga | Sessions

Breaking the binary: Transforming our approach to gender

Education's role in supporting Asian learners to succeed

Soso'o le fau ma le fau: Connecting fibre with another fibre

Supporting gifted learners: Swimming upstream towards equity

Cultural taxation in schools: Can you do the karakia for our staff meeting?

A community of practice (from a community of inquiry)

Te Tirewa Marautanga o Aotearoa - a new trajectory in curriculum design (workshop)

### Ngā Kaiwhakaatu | Presenters

Jerome Cargill

Lovely Dizon

Ruta McKenzie, Glenda Albon

Deb Walker, Melissa Powell, Char Barnett

Maraea Hunia, Hariata Tutua-Nathan, Samantha Metcalf

Tim Gander, Brendon Shaw

Rāwiri Toia, Dr Tabitha McKenzie

[Link to Aratini | Pathway 3, Ngā pekanga | Breakout sessions descriptions >](#)





## Thursday 5 October

Rā tuarua  
Day two

### Aratini | Pathway 4

#### Huinga whakahihiko | Activator sessions



##### Julia Wikeepa

Ngāti Awa, Ngāti Maniapoto,  
Te Āti Haunui-a-Pāpārangi

Director, Hā Habit

Session title:  
**Unveiling learning resilience:  
Empowering indigenous  
& marginalised learners  
through stress awareness**

[Link to session description >](#)



##### Dr Jeanne Teisina

Director, Akoteu Kato Kakala

Session title:  
**Kāinga Ako: Leading from  
a place of strength within  
Tongan ECE in Aotearoa**

[Link to session description >](#)

#### Ngā pekanga | Breakout sessions

##### Akoranga | Sessions

Ally vs Accomplice: “The becoming” - move from performative allyship to being a genuine accomplice

E tū Kahikatea: Empowering health and wellbeing in a senior college

Mātauranga Māori: Reclamation, reconnection and re-indigenisation in teacher education

Pūrākau as pedagogy

Cyber Skills Aotearoa | Pūkenga ā-Ipurangi Aotearoa

Session to support leaders / kaiako engagement with Science / Tech / Arts in Te Mātaiaho, the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum

Creating safe inclusive environments for our Muslim tamariki and their families

##### Ngā Kaiwhakaatu | Presenters

Alosina Toi-Auta, Kema Perez

Lex Davis, Roslyn Arbuckle

Kay-Lee Jones, Jody Hohaia

Arohanui Allen

Julie McMahon, Owen Brasier,  
Patariki Grace, Te Mako Orzecki,  
Leah Te Whata

Carolyn English, Sabina Cleary,  
Catherine Frost, Claire Coleman

Dr Maysoon Salama, Dr Jane Taylor

[Link to Aratini | Pathway 4, Ngā pekanga | Breakout sessions descriptions >](#)



## Aratini | Pathway 5

### Huinga whakahihiko | Activator sessions

#### Paewhiri | Panel

Session Title: **Ōku reo kāmehameha - My languages are my super learning power.**



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Paewhiri | Panel hosted by:

**Dr Maraea Hunia**

Ngāti Awa, Te Arawa, Tainui

Tumu Māori, Tātai Aho Rau Core Education

### Ngā pekanga | Breakout sessions

#### Akoranga | Sessions

Pulling it out of the “too hard” basket

A field of rich delights: The (un)expected riches of becoming allies in research with communities

Our whakapapa – our history, our Inheritance

Ask the aunties

Use of AI in the science classroom

Unleashing student superpowers: helping kids access their voice to solve local challenges

#### Ngā Kaiwhakaatu | Presenters

Jamie Taylor

Pam O'Connell, Sarah Te One, Dalene Mactier

Melisa Chase, Ruth Richardson,

Hoana Te Aika, Ellen Mclean, Gemma Stewart and Te Mako Orzeki (Host)

Michael Harvey

Karl Summerfield, Suzi Gould

[Link to Aratini | Pathway 5, Ngā pekanga | Breakout sessions descriptions >](#)

# Friday 6 October

Rā tuatoru  
Day three

Aratini | Pathway 6

## Huinga whakahihiko | Activator sessions



### Michelle Johansson

Kaitiaki | CEO, Ako Mātātupu: Teach First NZ

Session title: **What will it take to change the world for Young Brown Scholars?**

[Link to session description >](#)

## Ngā pekanga | Breakout sessions

### Akoranga | Sessions

The Spiral of Inquiry and the Common Practice Model: leading deep reflection on pedagogical practice for equity

Eduscape: mapping the educational landscape of Aotearoa

Equity in action: Learnings from Māori-led global citizenship programs

How to develop the 5 core competencies – all ākonga need to achieve at the highest levels in mathematics

Increasing curriculum opportunities and learner capability

Access abilities: Designing for all learners

### Ngā Kaiwhakaatu | Presenters

Rebecca Sweeney

Jasmine Te Hira, Hana Tapiata

Sarah-Kay Coulter, Luke Moss, Carla Rey Vasquez

Alexandra Laurie

Jenni Hammonds, Sara Field, Tewaiehu Savage

Jessica Grauds, Julia Parker

[Link to Aratini | Pathway 6. Ngā pekanga | Breakout sessions descriptions >](#)



## Huinga whakahihiko | Activator sessions



### Dr Hana O'Regan

Kāi Tahu

Tumu Whakarae | Chief Executive Officer, Tātai Aho Rau Core Education

Session title:  
**Tūhuratia te Iho Pūmanawa | Addressing bias and stereotyping in the practice of streaming**

[Link to session description >](#)

## Ngā pekanga | Breakout sessions

### Akoranga | Sessions

Science Alive mātauranga – free STEAM learning for Aotearoa

Learner agency and engagement: How and who measures it? Sharing a collaborative inquiry

Leaders for education – collaborating for impact

He haerenga tā tātou kātoa – Everyone has a journey

Weaving ancient knowledge with new technologies: Unlocking diversity in tech through teaching AR content creation for cultural storytelling.

Authentic Leadership

### Ngā Kaiwhakaatu | Presenters

Lauren Moir

Jana Benson, Bob Miller

Chris Sullivan, Ellie Sutton

Jen Bennett

Amber Taylor, Ben Kanobi

Gae Thawley, Ruta McKenzie

[Link to Aratini | Pathway 7, Ngā pekanga | Breakout sessions descriptions >](#)

