



We Succeed Together

E Tū Tāngata Education Professional Development Day

Wednesday 6th March 2024

Timetable

Morning:

- Co-founders, Jay and Nicky Geldard: The heart, the journey and the development of E Tū Tāngata
- Child and Family Psychologist, Gabrielle Bisseker: Interactive session
- Te Kōmanawa Rowley School Principal, Graeme Norman: Why it works
- Interview: Questions from the floor

Afternoon:

- Break-out groups and discussion time
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Keynote Speakers

Jay Geldard - E Tū Tāngata Co-founder and CEO

Jay is big of heart and big of stature (2.04cm or 6'8"). He has worked with young people and youth workers for over 20 years. E Tū Tāngata was born out of a desire to see young people thrive. As Jay thought about the challenges facing our nation's youth and talked to a variety of experts and grassroots people, he realised the way we see ourselves and others was an 'everyone' problem; and one of the deep cultural narratives we all live by was clarified as 'tall poppy syndrome' (TPS) or a culture of criticism.

Given that Jay is not one to walk away from a challenge, he sought to seek a solution for this systematic and generational problem. His networking skills, influential leadership style and his genuine desire to shift the culture of Aotearoa have been the catalyst for E Tū Tāngata. Jay is excited to see how E Tū Tāngata can be utilised across New Zealand to create a culture where we stand together rather than pull each other down.

Nicky Geldard - E Tū Tāngata Co-founder and COO

Nicky has worked in communications and education for the past 20 years. She is intrigued by the formation of culture and the stories that shape us. She sees TPS as a dominant narrative in Aotearoa and it's not a story worth repeating. Nicky believes E Tū Tāngata provides us with a unique opportunity to choose a different path so that, instead of pulling people down, we can affirm each person's intrinsic worth. And that's a story Nicky is keen to share with her own kids as well as the generations to come.

Gabrielle Bisseker - Child and Family Psychologist

Gabrielle is a Child and Family Psychologist with over 10 years experience working in mental health settings with young people and their families. She has a passion to see young people become healthy and contributing members of their communities, overcoming barriers to truly flourish in their lives.

Gabrielle is excited about the potential of E Tū Tāngata; she believes the plan to initiate a strengths-based conversation to the heart of New Zealand communities through young people, their families and schools will add a protective factor to their development.

Graeme Norman - School Principal, Te Kōmanawa Rowley School

Graeme is an experienced school principal, who - three years ago - was tasked with the job of turning around the culture of a school in the heart of Christchurch city. When he started, school attendance was at only 40% and morale was low. However, due to the hard work of his team and the implementation of E Tū Tāngata, Graeme has seen a significant shift in - not only the stats - but also the heart and atmosphere of the school.

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