

BRIDGING THE ISLANDS OF ACHIEVEMENT so Aotearoa New Zealand is *a great place to grow up*

HEOI ANO TE WHETU E TU NUI KOTAHI A TATAU
THERE IS ONLY ONE SHINING STAR: OUR CHILDREN



DIFFERENT RESULTS NEED A DIFFERENT STARTING PLACE

Across Aotearoa New Zealand people are talking about “doing things differently”, but how do you do that? We’re all searching for how to work in new and collaborative ways, and what we’re facing demands wise action to change the future for children. We invite you to participate in a radically different conversation, a conversation that engages with the complexity we’re facing and focuses on the possibilities we can create together.

A group of people active and interested in the what’s happening to and for our children began meeting last September, visioning a new future. We recognised that throughout New Zealand, there are “islands of achievement” -- people doing good work, often with very little resource. The key is bridging these islands to create a landmass of common ground for positive initiatives that foster great outcomes for children and families so that New Zealand really is a great place to grow up. We want to explore how a new and different conversation about a better future for children might happen.

You are invited to join us in a three hour workshop, Monday 15 March from 9:30 - 12:30 in the MSD Auditorium, Bowen Street, Wellington. The workshop will be facilitated using emerging participatory and group-centered processes and will feature Toke Møller and Monica Niessen from Denmark, two practitioners who have been involved in many innovative child-focused projects around the world. The purpose of our gathering is to give us the opportunity to find a different perspective on how things might change and provide us with an experience of a process framework to discover how we might stimulate and conduct different conversations within our communities. There is a koha of \$30 + GST to help cover the cost of refreshments to to make a contribution to facilitator time and travel. Please invite others you think could contribute, to join us. [Contact Beth Wood \(details below\) to register.](#)



This gathering has been initiated by:

David Hanna & Robyn Pope (Wesley Community Action), Gael Surgenor, Carmel Irwin & Lorraine Tarrant (SKIP), Mary-Jane Rivers & Beth Wood (Inspiring Communities), Carmen Payne (Barnardos), Karen Clifford (Barnardos/Great Start Taita), Lynda Murray (Families Commission), Craig Smith, Helen Emmerson (Emmerson Group) and Mary-Alice Arthur (SOAR). *Thank you to MSD for providing the space for us to meet.*

Facilitators:



Toke Paludan Møller
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Since the early '70s I've been designing and hosting strategic conversations. The focus is on renewal, the way we lead ourselves and work together in order to collectively find wiser and sustainable solutions to problems that matter.



Mary-Alice Arthur
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At the heart of my practice is bringing to light and working with the stories, conversations and inquiries that hold the keys to our collective wisdom, wise action and best work together.



Craig Smith

The challenges we face require changes in complex systems where cause and effect are anything but clear. The most exciting transformation comes through participative processes enabling powerful conversations and new possibilities.



Monica Niessen
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Since 1991 I have worked as a process consultant and facilitator, specialising in designing and facilitating participatory processes, to engage groups of people in strategic conversations to co-create strategies for the futures they want.