

Professional Develop Opportunities:

- 1. Te Toi Tupu - Leading learning Network**
- 2. NZRTL Association Conference (*next page*)**

Te Toi Tupu - Leading learning Network has been contracted by the Ministry to provide targeted gifted and talented education PLD support for schools in the North Island. The contract has a specific focus on gifted and talented students who are currently underachieving at school, particularly those learners in the target groups - gifted Māori and Pasifika students and gifted students who have special education needs.

One of the work strands in the contract involves the delivery of workshops for RTL in each of the following regions: Whangarei, North Auckland, South Auckland, Hamilton, Rotorua, Napier, Whanganui and Wellington. Te Toi Tupu has funding for 20 participants to attend a one-day workshop in each of these centres (dates and venues TBC).

The workshops for RTL will focus on the following topics:

- Identifying and providing for twice-exceptional students (gifted students who also have special education needs); and
- Understanding and catering for the social and emotional needs of gifted students (including issues such as perfectionism, underachievement, and disengagement from school).

Te Toi Tupu believes that RTL play an important role in supporting teachers to better meet the needs of gifted students who are underachieving at school and would welcome the opportunity to work with you on this initiative.

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NZRTL Association Conference, 26 – 29 September 2012, WAIKATO

Showcasing RTL B Practice

As part of the Waikato Conference 2012 we would like to take the opportunity to showcase examples of RTL B work. We know that RTL B use a range of innovative ideas to make positive changes for students, teachers, schools and whanau across the country.

Therefore we extend an invitation to each of the 40 clusters to send us examples of "Good Practice" that we can display at Conference.

Format: One - Two A4 Page/s

We will enlarge these to Poster size to be displayed at the Conference Venue, and compile a booklet for each Conference Attendee

Content:

For consistency we would like all examples to follow the same format and propose the model used by Mary Hancox and Annette MacDonald who collated "Effective RTL B Practice – Annotated Case Examples from Resource Teachers Learning & Behaviour"

- Context
- Assessment and Analysis
- Intervention
- Post data / Evidence of Success
- Reflection

Due date: Friday 31 August 2012

Please email to krisp@ngatea.school.nz

Commonwealth Education Good Practice Awards 2012

In 2011 Annette MacDonald and Mary Hancox carried out a project collating examples of effective practice for Resource Teachers: Learning and Behaviour (RTL B) entitled "Effective RTL B Practice". This resource highlighted successful outcomes in RTL B work supporting schools with students who have learning and behaviour difficulties. This project has been selected as a finalist for the Commonwealth Education Good Practice Awards, which are being held in conjunction with the 18th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers in Mauritius in August. This year's theme 'Education in the Commonwealth: Making it Happen' will focus on *Making Basic Education Systems Better, Connecting Commonwealth Education and Cultures and Skills for the Future*. As finalists Mary and Annette will be making presentations to five educational forums that will be running as part of the conference. This will be an opportunity to showcase RTL B work at an international level.