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Kia ora koutou katoa.

2016 brings many new and exciting possibilities.

A key goal of REANZ is to present events that draw on past experiences to re-imagine further opportunities for deeper exploration and reflection. Ann Pelo's presentations in 2014 provoked the Te Anau conference in April 2015; leading on to the *Short Stories from Aotearoa* seminar and now we have Ann returning to re-provoke us further.

Ann Pelo will be building on her previous presentations as well as presenting new insights into early childhood education philosophy and pedagogy at the end of March and the beginning of April; the annual Study Tour to Reggio Emilia is in April and the Infants and Toddlers Autumn Series commences in May. There will be a Melbourne Study Tour in September and the first New Zealand lead Intensive Study Tour to Reggio Emilia in October, focuses specifically on *Pedagogical Documentation*. As Stefania Giamminuti proposes, "*pedagogical documentation is a way of being with children, rather than something that is 'done' at segmented times and with prescribed tools. You do not 'do' documentation; instead it becomes something you are*". Following on from this special study tour, REANZ will present a series of dialogic opportunities in order to share and disseminate findings from the tour. See below for more detailed information.

Another exciting development is the recent establishment of two more REANZ networks; Tamaki Makaurau and Taranaki. This takes the number of networks spread throughout New Zealand to seven. Each of the network locations contributes a unique way of thinking and expertise, adding to the richness of REANZ as a whole.

By Lesley Pohio (Chairperson)

**Ann Pelo**

***On Becoming a Professional Marveller***

REANZ is delighted to be welcoming Ann Pelo back to Aotearoa New Zealand to share her experiences with us. Ann is a teacher educator, program consultant, and author whose primary work focuses on pedagogical practice, social justice and ecological teaching and

learning, and the art of mentoring. Her work is anchored by a commitment to the right of educators to be intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually engaged by their work. Ann offers educators the opportunity to engage with deeper understandings and new questions through the power of story, reflection and collaboration. Ann's work is sustained by teachers' commitment to growth and challenge, by children's potent capacity for questions, and by families' deep commitment to their children. Ann will be presenting throughout the North Island as outlined below:

#### **Kerikeri**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March – 6.00 - 9.00pm**

Venue: The Turner Centre, 43 Cobham Road, Kerikeri

*Host: Tai Tokerau Network of REANZ*

\$85.00pp

#### **Palmerston North**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April-6.00-9.00pm**

Venue: Globe Theatre, 312 Main Street

*Host: Manawatu Network of REANZ*

\$85.00pp

#### **Auckland**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – 9.00am-3.00pm**

Venue: Junior School Diocesan School for Girls, Margot Street entrance, Epsom

*Host: REANZ Auckland*

\$145.00pp

#### **Wellington**

**Wednesday 6 April –6.00 - 9.00pm**

Venue: Te Rito Maioha/Early Childhood NZ (formally NZCA), 191 Thorndon Quay

*Host: REID Wellington Network*

\$85.00pp

[For more information click here](#)

## **An evening Seminar with Ann Pelo Reading and Writing the World: Cultivating a Literacy of Place Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 - 6.00 - 9.00pm**

*The wild requires that we learn the terrain, nod to all the plants and animals and birds, ford the streams and cross the tides, and tell a good story when we get home (Gary Snyder).*

Stories are elemental and essential for us humans. We tell stories to find our place in the world, to affirm order and meaning in the tumble of life, to imagine new possibilities and to offer moral contours for our behaviour. Stories tell us who we are, and where we are, and why we are. Stories of place locate us in the larger-than-human world, allowing us to know the land, the sky, the water, and to contextualize ourselves there, alongside the other creatures bound into them.

To tell stories of place, we need a literacy of place, the ability to read the beyond-human world. We need to be literate in the varying shapes of leaf and blossom, in the seasonal moods of the grasses and wild weeds, in the particular ways of worms and crows, in the distinct caresses of mist and fog, drizzle and downpour.

***But how do we come to such a literacy of place?***

## Auckland

**Date: Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

Venue: Diocesan School for Girls (Junior School Hall), Clyde Street, Epsom.

Time: 6.00pm – 9.00pm

Cost: \$85.00 pp

[Click here for more information](#)

## Intensive Study Tour to Reggio Emilia Pedagogical Documentation

1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016

REANZ are participating in a special Study Tour to Reggio Emilia from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016. This is an intensive study tour specifically focused on Pedagogical Documentation. Our NZ contingent will be the only people on this tour working exclusively with a Pedagogista and Atelierista based at the Loris Malaguzzi Centre in Reggio Emilia. This tour is very different from (and in addition to) the annual study tours we are currently involved in. The main criteria to join this study tour is that participants have an in depth understanding and knowledge of the principles of the Reggio Emilia Project and in most cases, will have previously attended a study tour to Reggio Emilia.

7 Nights Reggio Emilia Accommodation and Study Week Costs Including breakfast & lunch.		
Hotel La Posta	Single	\$3380
Hotel La Posta	Twin share	\$3000
Albergo Reggio	Single	\$3100
Albergo Reggio	Twin Share	\$2925

***This Intensive Study Tour is now confirmed and definitely going ahead.***

[Click here for more information.](#)

## The Melbourne Educational Conference and Tour

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September to Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

Reggio Emilia Aotearoa New Zealand (REANZ) brings you this exciting opportunity to visit Early Childhood Centres and schools in Melbourne that are implementing innovative curriculum. As a participant on a past tour said...

*"This has been the most effective professional development that I have been involved in during 25 years in education".*

Cost: \$2250 (share twin) includes:

- Flights ex Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland
- Insurance (extra may be charged for cover of pre-existing conditions)
- Group transfers from and to Melbourne airport

- Accommodation at Apartments on Lygon St. This is a 3 star establishment and participants stay in an apartment with 2 others (a twin share room and a double room for one person). There is an additional charge of \$250 for a single room
- All costs of the study tour including transport and lunches

A deposit will be requested once registration begins. The balance to be paid before mid-July. You will have two Facilitators with you to support unpacking and creating meaning from the experiences you encounter. **For more information and to register please contact Chris Bayes on: [bayespowell@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bayespowell@xtra.co.nz)**