

# New Zealand curriculum study tour!

## Hosted by ARCQE, LEaP & Massey University



**What:** As development and exploration of a new province-wide early learning curriculum framework for Alberta continues, ARCQE is pleased to announce an opportunity to attend a one week Study Tour to New Zealand intended to inform and highlight implementation practices of other curriculum framework models around the world. In the new ELCC framework document *"Play, Participation and Possibilities"* (Makovichuk, Hewes, Lirette, Thomas (2014) reference is made with respect to much of the development of the new curriculum framework for Alberta being informed by significant previous work in Canada and around the world- including: *"inspiration and influence from Te Whāriki national Curriculum in New Zealand."*

Building further upon inspirations from Te Whariki Curriculum perspectives, the Study Tour is being organized as a means of reflecting on pedagogical leadership directions that may continue to guide and inform meaningful practice strategies as our own work with the Alberta Curriculum Framework continues. Through a collaborative partnership between LEAP Education Research & Consultancy, Massey University and ARCQE the week long tour will include a blend of seminars featuring well-known authors of *"Learning Stories"* (Carr & Lee, (2012), the Education ministry and front line program visits sites currently involved in practice implementation of the New Zealand curriculum in community programs.

### When:

- Departure from Alberta January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 (Calgary & Edmonton departure sites)
- Study Tour January 25- 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (5-day) Study Tour seminar/program tours at Massey University, NZ.
- Return to Alberta: January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Who:** This Study Tour may be of interest to any/all Early Childhood Educators, Teachers, Academics, Curriculum Framework Project partners, Pedagogical Leaders/Partners, Government Partners or anyone interested in learning more about the Te Whariki Curriculum and information relating to supporting effective implementation of a countrywide curriculum.

**Where:** The Tour will be hosted on campus at Massey University, in Palmerston North, New Zealand (North Island), a day at Victoria University in Wellington, and various sites around the Palmerston area where tours of front line programs will support visits for Study Tour participants! Participants will be able to talk with teachers, capture photos and interact with children.

**How:** The cost of the full study tour which includes one week seminar studies, program tours and flight (based on CLGY/ED departures) is: \$4008.00/per person, CND. Visit us at [www.arcqe.ca](http://www.arcqe.ca) and look for Services/Professional Development/NZ Study Tour for further information and additional Study Tour details!

- Deposit of \$200.00/person is required to reserve space on the Study Tour which is limited to the first (50) participants. Register deposit at: <http://arcqe.ca/events/#id=125&cid=1004&wid=201>
- Remaining registration fee balance of \$3808.00/person must be paid in full no later than Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015. NB, while a base-rate has been negotiated for the Study Tour group, taxes are subject to change until flights are paid in full and tickets are issued 45 days prior to departure which could result in a fluctuation to rates noted above.

Don't delay... Register your space today!

For further information & tour details: <http://arcqe.ca/services/professional-development/study-tour/>

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<b>Mon 25 January</b>	<b>Tues 26 January</b>	<b>Wed 27 January</b>	<b>Thurs 28 January</b>	<b>Fri 29 January</b>
Mid morning - Opening and welcome (lunch too) Formal welcome on a Marae (meeting house), experiencing the culture of the indigenous people of Aotearoa New Zealand in a traditional way	Dr Margaret Carr TBC Hear about Te Whariki from speakers who have been very influential nationally and internationally unpacking Te Whariki and quality assessment.	Travel to Wellington (incl.)	Visits to early childhood services in the Palmerston North region will provide you with the opportunity to observe Te Whāriki in action, collect photos and videos and talk with children and teachers.	Presentation The Secret Garden Childcare
Prof. Claire McLachlan Overview of Aotearoa NZ education system	Wendy Lee Learning Stories outlining her curriculum journey through learning stories	Victoria University - lecture series on campus - The day trip to Wellington by bus, the capital of Aotearoa New Zealand, will focus on the research and innovation in Aotearoa New Zealand through our interactions with the Early Childhood academic team at Victoria University, hosted by Dr Kate Thornton	Visits to ECE services in groups of 3-4	Presentation Little Ark - Enviro Centre
Ministry of Education will share their roles and responsibilities in the education sector, with lectures from academics from Massey University.	Brenda Soutar Bicultural approaches to early childhood education	Visit Te Papa National Museum of Aotearoa New Zealand followed by a dinner together before travelling back to Palmerston North.	Free time to look around Palmerston North - could organise a guided/hosted tour	Presentation Lytton St School
Education Review office	Break out sessions in the afternoon with speakers	Travel back to Palmerston North (inclu.)		Closing lunch at homestead on campus at Massey

- Daily seminars will take place on campus at Massey University (Monday, Tuesday, Friday).
- Wednesday the tour will transition to Victoria University in Wellington. Transportation from Massey to Wellington is included as part of the Study Tour package. Evening dinner is included on this day!
- Thursday the tour will include transportation out to program visits around the Palmerston area.
- All accommodations (residence, home-stay options, or hotels) are in close proximity to Massey University (10-15 minutes away) and easily accessible by cab, bus or walking distance. Cost to/from Massey University daily is not included within the Study Tour fee.