



'Inspire' - PROFESSIONAL LEARNING FOR TEACHERS

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Dear early childhood colleague,

'Inspire' Professional Learning for Teachers – in partnership with Eliana Elias and Ijumaa Jordan and Hilltop Children's Center, is pleased to present information regarding our Early Childhood Study tour to Auckland, New Zealand from March 17th to March 24th 2019. We are certain that you will have a wonderful time in our country participating in this focused professional learning opportunity that includes visits to a number of cutting edge early childhood centres. Eliana Elias and Ijumaa Jordan will be your study tour guides during the week and they will provide provocations for reflection. **This study tour is limited in numbers but will require 25 registrants to proceed. Please confirm with Eliana Elias and Ijumaa Jordan before making travel bookings.**

The cost of the study tour is \$2,270.00 US, share twin room or \$2,490.00 US for a single room. Rooms will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. Accommodation will be in Auckland at Vaughan Park Retreat - a beautiful setting at Long Bay on the North Shore of Auckland. The beach nearby provides a serene atmosphere and the pleasant accommodation facilities are very comfortable. Each room has its own hand basin and there are bathrooms down the hall. The food is homemade and of a high quality. The helpful staff is happy to cater for individual dietary needs. You might like to view online at: <http://vaughanpark.org.nz>.

Registration costs include: Seven nights accommodation; Sunday- Sunday. Group pick-up on Sunday, March 18th and drop off Sunday, March 25th will be at a central Auckland location. All meals, transport to venues, centre visits, and presentations are included.

Registration does not include: Airfares, insurance, personal items, phone calls, social costs etc.

When booking please ensure you are able to stay for the duration of the study tour – 9.00am on Sunday, March 17 - 10.00am Sunday, March 24, 2019.

You might consider taking time to see our beautiful country before or after the study tour. We recommend visiting the Bay of Islands, Rotorua, Queenstown, Nelson or Christchurch.

If you would like to attend the tour, please send the registration, a \$1,000.00 check for your deposit, along with your application and the three waivers attached to the application. It is important to keep in mind that we need at least 25 participants to make the tour viable AND we can only accept a maximum of 30. If, for any reason, we are not able to accommodate you on this tour, we will return your check by October 22 and we will be happy to accommodate you on the next tour. Your application, registration form, deposit and the signed waivers should be sent to the address below, and the check should be written to Hilltop Children's Center. **Please submit by September 30, 2019.**

Hilltop Children's Center
c/o Eliana Elias and Ijumaa Jordan
1044 Ordway St.
Albany, CA 94706

Please contact Eliana Elias and Ijumaa Jordan at anzstudytour@gmail.com or call 510 502 3642.

Kind Regards

Chris Bayes and Lorraine Manuela

Inspire is a charitable trust promoting professional learning opportunities for teachers.

**Inspire – Professional learning for teachers
New Zealand Conference & Study Tour
March 17th through March 24th 2019**

(Please complete details carefully and clearly – if we can't read it we can't contact you!)

Name: _____

Your Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Cell phone: _____

Email address: _____

Emergency contact person: _____

Emergency contact details: _____

Centre/Organisation: _____

Address and Ph Number: _____

Any special Dietary needs? _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE:

I wish to share twin with: _____

I wish to have a single room: _____

Shared Room for two:	\$2,270.00	Single Room: \$2,490.00
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We will do our best to accommodate your needs!

Please forward a deposit of \$1,000.00 (or full payment) with your registration form, the three attached waivers as soon as possible to secure your space and your rooming preference (first in, first served). Deposits, less 20% are refundable if notification received before December 1st, 2018. No refunds will be made after this date unless the space is filled by another person. Once the final payments are collected, no refunds will be issued if participant is unable to attend.

Please pay the balance before December 1, 2018.



Aotearoa New Zealand Study Tour 2018

APPLICATION

Introduction: We strive to provide our study tour participants with an intellectually engaging and rewarding experience including multiple opportunities for self-reflection, critical thinking, and learning in dialogue. With this in mind, we offer only 30 spaces in our annual tours and encourage a diverse group of participants to apply. It is our goal to form a group of professionals who work with children, families and teachers and who are culturally, linguistically and racially representative of our ECE communities. In order to support teacher participation, we also offer a limited amount of scholarships. Please take the time to answer these questions so we can get to know you better. If you would like to include a picture, please do so.

Your name: _____

Please write a short paragraph about yourself (your professional background, your current role, your passions and your expertise)

What are you hoping to learn during this Study Tour? (Understandings you seek to expand, leadership you hope to develop, challenges you experience in the field or want to make to the ECE field)

Please choose any of the following options:

- If accepted, I will be able to commit to attending.**
- My attendance is dependent on the availability of finding financial support.
- My attendance is dependent on my ability to take time off.
- My attendance is dependent on my ability to _____.
- I am able to support the participation of a teacher by donating _____ or _____ miles.

Please add any information about yourself that you might want to share with us. (Why the study tour appeals to you, anything you might know about the Aotearoa New Zealand exemplary ECE system, your desire to learn from other cultures, travel, or any concerns or aspirations)

Important Dates

July 16, 2018	Applications are available on Hilltop Educator Institute website
September 30, 2019	Applications due: (and a \$1000.00 check for your deposit, made out to Hilltop Children's Center) Please send application, attached 3 waivers and checks to: Hilltop Children's Center c/o Eliana Elias and Ijumaa Jordan 1044 Ordway St. Albany, CA 94706
October 15, 2018	Notification for participants who have been accepted will be sent
October 22, 2018	Applicants who can not be accommodated on this tour will receive their deposit back
December 1, 2018	Final payment is due. Please send your final payment to to Hilltop Children's Center c/o Eliana Elias and Ijumaa Jordan 1044 Ordway Albany, CA 94706 PLEASE NOTE: After this final payment is due, participants will no longer be able to be fully refunded for their fees.
December 1, 2018	Deposits, minus 20% are refundable if participant decides not to attend.
From December 1 through March 2018	You will receive information about the trip, final calendar of events, readings and additional information
March 17 2019 at 9 AM	Tour begins. Group will meet in a central location in Auckland and head to Vaughan Park.
March 24, 2019 at 10 AM	Tour ends. Bus will drop all participants off at a central location in Auckland.

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