



Global Citizenship Education: Navigating a complex world

What: Free evening seminar

When: Monday 22 May, 5.30-7pm (all welcome from 5pm)

Where: Aronui Lecture Theatre, Royal Society Te Apārangi, 11 Turnbull Street, Thorndon

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Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

What is global citizenship education? Why is it important? And how do we encourage New Zealanders from all walks of life and at all ages to become responsible and active global citizens?

UNESCO is the lead agency for the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 4 – Quality Education, which aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all. This includes Goal 4.7, i.e. 'By 2030, ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture's contribution to sustainable development'.

This seminar is an opportunity to consider Goal 4.7 from multiple perspectives and gain insights from three individuals who are passionate about helping people become engaged global citizens.

Speakers

Libby Giles

Libby has been involved in the implementation and development of Global Citizenship Education (GCED) for a number of years, in practitioner and advisory roles. She has been facilitating GCED in girls' schools in Auckland for a number of years and is president of the New Zealand Association of Philosophy Teachers. As a member of the New Zealand Centre for Global Studies (NZCGS) and the Alliance for Responsible and Sustainable Societies, Libby has participated locally and internationally with a wide range of individuals, groups, organisations and students. With help from a New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO funded grant, Libby is currently managing a project on global citizenship in New Zealand for the NZCGS and is developing a discussion document on GCED.



Libby will introduce the concept of global citizenship. What is it and what is the philosophy behind it? She will also discuss the discussion document on GCED she is developing, based on her research.

Scarlett Parkes

Scarlett co-wrote an International Youth White Paper on Global Citizenship with students from 11 countries, which she co-presented at the Third UNESCO Forum on Global Citizenship Education, held in Canada in March. The Auckland Girls' Grammar Deputy Head Girl has been a participant in the Make a Difference (MAD) Sustainability hui run by Auckland Council, first as a student, and then as a leader in 2015. This led her and a friend to start a school environmental group called the Green Team. She has been a member of Youthline's National Youth Collective since 2015, and has been a member of Auckland Girls' Grammar's Global Citizenship Committee for the past two years. Scarlett received a school award for global citizenship in 2016.



Scarlett will talk about global citizenship education from a youth perspective. What are the challenges when engaging with young people and how might they be overcome? She will also discuss the themes and recommendations of the White Paper she co-authored.

Cheryl Stephens

Education specialist Cheryl Stephens has more than 35 years experience in the education sector in primary school, teacher education and tertiary teaching. During this time she has assumed a large number of executive management, leadership and governance roles, including Head of Education, Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangī; Board member New Zealand Council for Educational Research; and Council member New Zealand Association for Research in Education. Cheryl has a strong background in Māori education and research. She is currently working as an educator at Ngā Pūmanawa e Waru Education Trust, working on future focused learning achievement plans in Rotorua primary and secondary schools.



Cheryl will discuss global citizenship education within the framework of Māori education.