



Pacific Tertiary Education Forum

ENHANCING LEARNER SUCCESS

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Victoria University of Wellington

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APSTE and Ako Aotearoa are proud to present the 2018 Pacific Tertiary Education Forum (PTEF), a fono for tertiary practitioners and stakeholders to talanoa (discuss) and create solutions to increase the successful outcomes of Pacific peoples in Aotearoa.

Focus

The PTEF provides a platform for the voices of Pacific learners, teachers, support staff and tertiary leaders to be heard in one place - working together with agency stakeholders and others towards a collective approach for Pacific learner success. Participants will share in discussion and debate around what it means to be part of today's rapidly changing tertiary education environment.

The theme *'Be the change you wish to see in the world'* will be examined through a uniquely Pacific perspective, drawing on the experiences of a broad cross-section from the tertiary sector (read more about the themes on the back).

We are delighted to announce that **Associate Professor Hon Luamanuvao Winnie Laban**, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Pasifika) at Victoria University of Wellington is a confirmed keynote speaker. More speakers are to be announced in the coming weeks.

Call for presentations

The organising committee is calling for a mix of oral, panel, poster and workshop presentations. Presentations in lea-faka Tonga (Tongan language) are encouraged to coincide with celebrations for the concurrent Tongan Language Week 2018. Submissions are due by 22 June 2018 and must be submitted online - please visit the website.

Registration

Registration is an easy online process. Fees are \$150+GST (student) or \$200+GST (regular). There are some learner sponsored places available and students are able to register their interest for one of these via the online registration.

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Key theme

The theme 'Be the change you wish to see in the world' will be examined through a uniquely Pacific perspective, drawing on the experiences of a broad cross-section of Pacific peoples working in and supporting our tertiary education sector. The rapidly changing tertiary education sector of today presents a unique challenge in that Pacific learners, now more than ever, must stay connected to their Pacific values and identities in being equipped to inclusively meet the challenges presented by increasing change, both to the tertiary landscape and the wider environment. Government agencies, tertiary organisations and others must work together with Pacific communities to forge a thriving, empathetic and equitable future of success for all people in Aotearoa/New Zealand.

Streams / sub-themes

CHANGE THROUGH RESEARCH – Research can help us understand tertiary education and spotlight good practice. What is the current research and findings that supports and grows Pacific achievement in tertiary education? What are the research projects that focus on positive change, inclusiveness and equity for Pacific learners? How can we harness this work in practical ways to grow Pacific success into the future?

LEARNER SUPPORT & COLLABORATION - This year we showcase inspiring stories on models of good practice in the collaboration space and their proven success. Presenters will share what good support looks and feels

like for Pacific learners, and how to develop and maintain positive levels of thriving Pacific learner participation, engagement and achievement in education. Can we collaborate more across the sector and with our learners to evolve work programmes that will bring real benefits to Pacific learners, thereby benefiting all?

STUDENT & COMMUNITY VOICE – The Pacific learner, their families and communities should be at the centre of an education system that works better for Pacific people. Family, community and church bring valued knowledge and practice that can define cultural identity and provide support and motivation for success for Pacific people in New Zealand. This theme explores and celebrates initiatives that are inclusive of these groups. We want parents and community leaders to share their stories of support and success for learners transitioning through the education system, and what success looks like for them. What are the conditions and values needed to create strong, vibrant and successful Pacific individuals, families and communities?

LEADERSHIP & CAREER PROGRESSION - How can tertiary providers plan and respond to ensure Pasifika school leavers are academically and socially equipped to achieve their career goals and thrive as we face increasingly uncertain futures? What change is needed to occur in this space to ensure parity and beyond for Pacific learners, teachers and staff? How should our education system support greater parity, equity and empathy?

The committee would like to acknowledge the key sponsors of the 2018 PTEF:

