Professional Learning and Development Accreditation

Personal Profile

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<td>Personal statement (optional)</td>
<td>Anna is a facilitator at Team Solutions in the University of Auckland’s Faculty of Education and Social Work. Previously she has held a range of middle and senior leadership roles in the primary sector, most recently as Deputy Principal. Her strong ability to work collaboratively and build learning focused relationships based on respect and trust ensures positive change in both teaching and learning outcomes within schools.</td>
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Professional Learning and Development Overview

- Leading change
- Collaborative inquiry linked to The New Zealand Curriculum
- Practice analysis conversations
- Digital technologies that enhance learning
- Assessment for learning
- Literacy practice across the curriculum
- Teacher development
- Building relational trust

Professional Information

**Academic History**

Postgraduate Paper: Educational Leadership in Action, Massey University
1997: Bachelor of Education, University of Waikato
1996: Diploma of Teaching, University of Waikato

**Presenter**

2016: 2nd Year Provisionally Registered Teacher course – Teaching Writing
2015: Guest Lecturer - AUT Master of Teaching programme - Learning in a Digital Age
2009: First time Principals Conference - Developing a School Vision
Summary of examples of practice

Anna has a wide range of experience in both teaching and leadership. She brings to her facilitation role a deep knowledge of literacy, The New Zealand Curriculum and its accompanying frameworks. She has particular strengths in assessment literacy, collaborative inquiry, and formative assessment practice. The breadth of Anna’s knowledge and experience enables her to facilitate systemic change that builds the capability of teachers and leaders to accelerate the achievement for priority learners.

Building learning focused relationships firmly underpinned by the principles of whanaungatanga, ako and wananga is integral to Anna’s facilitation. It is through these relationships she is able to work with teachers and leaders to explore and challenge their beliefs and assumptions around student achievement. Anna is a reflective practitioner, and positions herself as a learner alongside the teachers and leaders she works with.

Anna situates all Professional Learning and Development work in iterative cycles of inquiry. She supports teachers and leaders to strengthen their collaborative inquiry practices, ensuring they are evidence based and focused on accelerating the outcomes of priority learners.

She creates the space for leaders and teachers to co-construct new learning. She supports teachers to build their pedagogical and content knowledge, and strengthens their understanding and use of formative assessment practices. Anna builds teachers’ and leaders’ capability to reflect on their practice, which is integral to continual improvement of teaching and learning.

Supported by her strength in the use of information and communication technologies (ICT) to enhance effective pedagogy, Anna works with teachers to integrate digital tools into their practice. Through her facilitation, teachers develop innovative learning programmes to meet the diverse learner needs, providing students with options around how they can access, share and engage with their learning.

Referees

The following two referees can attest to the information supplied. These referees represent principals or tumaki that were involved in the summary example of practice provided in this document.

Reference One

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Reference Two

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