Welcome to the Centre for Studies in Multiple Pathways newsletter

Welcome to this first Newsletter from the MIT Centre for Studies in Multiple Pathways (CSMP).

We have been excited in the eighteen months since the CSMP was established with some clear aims and goals. We wanted to play a part in the development of ideas related to new and different pathways through education especially for those not enjoying the positive outcomes that so many do. We wanted to work in partnership with others – schools, tertiary providers, government agencies, and philanthropic bodies.

Above all we wanted to keep the conversations going. There is a huge amount of evidence that encourages us to seek other ways of working with some students; there is less material available to those who wish to respond to that evidence.

We hope that over time a body of such useful material is developed based on ways forward that have been thought through by excellent practitioners responding to student need and wanting to expand the options that are available to students.

So a start has been made – this newsletter details that. But there is still much to do.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to create pathways that transform lives and futures.

Stuart Middleton

The Centre relies on its supporters. Each edition one of our supporters will be given the chance to comment.

Supporters thank you

The Tindall Foundation

The Tindall Foundation has long admired the work of Dr Stuart Middleton as a well-respected leader in vocational education who is working to address issues of student disengagement. The Foundation supports the CSMP as part of its Youth Employment and Enterprise strategy. We are told that at present New Zealand’s youth unemployment is the worst in the developed world, (relative to total unemployment). Re-engaging students and providing relevant programmes of interest to them which aligns with employers’ needs is imperative if NZ is to ensure greater numbers of young people are made work-ready and skilled.

Tindall Foundation Trustees believe in partnering with a few proven brokers who can break down barriers to youth employment as well as supporting programmes that encourage a youth enterprise culture and positive attitudes to apprenticeship and trades. We are supporting the activities of CSMP because it is working to understand how youth (particularly “at risk youth”) can experience smoother transitions between secondary to post-secondary education and into the workplace. While CSMP is a resource hub that provides stakeholders with general information, research findings and developments on multiple pathways into employment, the Foundation believes that it will lead to practical outcomes of well prepared youth being employed in trades.

Between 1995 and 2011 The Tindall Foundation has donated over $100M to help communities across New Zealand. In addition it has paid over $90M to the Government in prepaid tax.

Thank you to our other supporters:
Events

Workshop 1
Manukau Institute of Technology, Auckland
“The Secondary-Tertiary Interface”
Date: 14 March 2012
Update on the Interface: What is underway in 2012?
Supported by Cognition Education and the Ministry of Education
On 14 March, the Centre for Studies in Multiple Pathways, in partnership with COMET, ran a workshop at Manukau Institute of Technology. The workshop was a great success with over 100 attendees.
The aim of the one-day workshop was to provide an opportunity for people interested in student success within the secondary-tertiary transition phase to discuss what is working in these areas and to have a place to network with other like minded people.

Workshop 2
CPIT, Christchurch
“The Secondary-Tertiary Interface”
Date: 5 April 2012
Update on the Interface: What is underway in 2012?
The aim of this workshop was similar to the workshop on 14 March held in Auckland at MIT. The programme included the same presenters from the Ministry of Education and these three presentations were followed by an overview of two secondary-postsecondary interface programmes currently in operation in the Christchurch region.
The final presentation compared Fees Free Places Youth Guarantee programmes between CPIT and MIT. As in workshop one, a panel of all the presenters was available at the end of the day for a question and answer session.
The workshop had 45 attendees who came from a cross-section of educational institutions. The Ministry of Education and Cognition Education also supported this event.

Te Ara Whakamana
“Pathways, transitions and bridges to tertiary education Forum 2012”
Date: 4 - 5 July 2012
Registrations are filling up fast!
To book your place now, visit the Ako Aotearoa website: www.akoaotearoa.ac.nz/ako-aotearoa/events/te-ara-whakamana
### CSMP Committee List

The Centre is privileged to have a wide cross-section of educators on its Advisory Group. Each “Pathways” edition will profile one of the CSMP Advisory Group Members.

Centre for Studies in Multiple Pathways Advisory Committee:

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### Profile of John Langley

**Dr John Langley**, Chief Executive Officer of Cognition Education.  
John has been part of the Advisory Group since the inception of the Centre and has provided guidance and support throughout this period.

Dr John Langley is a senior educator with numerous accomplishments in education, business, government and project leadership. He has lead a number of organisations and projects at local, national and international level and has been involved in the strategic direction setting and operations of a Crown entity, a large tertiary institution and a private company.

John is currently Chief Executive Officer of Cognition Education Limited, Auckland. He was previously the inaugural Dean of the Faculty of Education at The University of Auckland. As Principal of Auckland College of Education, he led the amalgamation between the College and the University to form the new Faculty of Education on the 1st of September 2004.

John’s professional interests lie in the fields of applied behaviour analysis, teacher education, teacher effectiveness, school improvement, policy development and implementation and international education.

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### Natasha Chisholm, Churchill Fellowship recipient visits MIT

I was privileged to receive a 2011 Churchill Fellowship to explore school to work transition models (both indigenous and main stream) and alternative school programs. After learning of CSMP and MIT, I made Auckland the first stop of my six week fellowship. During my week in Auckland I also visited the Tertiary High School, Tamaki College, Otahuhu College and Southern Cross Campus.

I saw some innovative ways of improving retention and high school completion and increasing students’ access to career pathways. When I return to my role with the ‘WORKABOUT Centre in Adelaide’s Northern Region, I hope to be able to implement some of what I have learnt in New Zealand.

*Natasha Chisholm*