

# THE RIPPLE EFFECT

 **WAY2GO**  
su children's ministry training

*"I alone cannot change the world,  
but I can cast a stone across the water  
to create many ripples." —Mother Teresa*

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## AUCKLAND

This year our WAY2GO children's ministry conferences will explore how we can help children and families experience God's Good News transforming their lives and that of their communities, bringing hope for the future.

Registrations are open now. Choose from a range of workshops, please choose one workshop from each session.

(Three workshops in total).

# WAY2GO 2024

## *Schedule*

**9am**

*Doors open*

**9.30 am**

*All Together Session 1*

**10.30 am**

*Morning Tea*

**11 - 11.55 am**

*Workshop A*

**12.05 - 1 pm**

*Workshop B*

**1 - 2 pm**

*Lunch (provided)*

**2 - 2.55 pm**

*Workshop C*

**3 - 4 pm**

*All Together Session 2*

# Workshop options for AUCKLAND

## WORKSHOP A

11 - 11.55am

### PRAYER ZONE

#### [Led by Andrew Ramsbottom]

Explore what it means for children to develop a deep relationship with God through prayer using lots of practical ideas. Also ways to encourage prayer to happen with families in the home, and with different generations within the church family. This workshop is part of our Children's Ministry Certificate. [Click here to read more.](#)

### THE MIND OF CHRIST: NEURODIVERSITY IN CHILDREN'S CHURCH

#### [Led by Donna Funk]

Children's church programmes start with the Senior leader. Children who have special needs are many times marginalized and put into the "too hard" basket. How can your church be more inclusive?

### FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

#### [Led by Dave Diack ]

Discover how to align church strengths with community needs. Join us to explore two new tools: a versatile Halloween/Light Party resource and an adaptable adventure program to engage kids and families in your community.

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## WORKSHOP A

### **PARTNERING WITH PARENTS**

#### **[Led by Sarah Vigers]**

What are some advantages for our children's ministry if we engage the whole family? How can we grow strong connections with families and build bridges between church and home?

### **WORKING WITH INTERMEDIATES**

#### **[Led by Nathan Palmer]**

The how's, the whys, the joys, and the challenges of working with intermediates. Intermediate is such an important stage in a young person's life, yet this area is often undervalued and underinvested. Together let's discuss resources and strategy to best invest into this age group.

## WORKSHOP B

12.05 - 1 pm

### CONNECT

#### [Led by Annette Osborne]

Discover ways to build strong relationships with children and how from that children's relationship with God can grow. This workshop is part of our Children's Ministry Certificate. [Click here to read more.](#)

### SPECIAL TO GOD: MINISTERING TO CHILDREN WITH DIFFERENT NEEDS

#### [Led by Donna Funk]

Churches are seeing a dramatic rise in their children's church of kids with special needs. "What do we do?" Let's unpack some of the "what's & how's" of ministering to kids with different needs.

### THE GAMES BOX

#### [Led by Dave Diack]

Join me for 'The Games BOX' seminar, exploring a budget-friendly resource packed with a year's worth of fun games. Enhance relationships and enrich your ministry with fun simple, engaging activities!"

## WORKSHOP B

12.05 - 1 pm

### PROCESSING THE BIG QUESTIONS

#### [Led by Raewyn Moodie]

As leaders and parents we ask: how do we help our youth deal with disagreements, questions about gender, doubt, how can churches support families. Let's have a look at how we can help.

### FOUNDATIONS OF MINISTRY WITH PRESCHOOLERS

#### [Led by Phillip Ozanne]

We all know that preschool ministry is more than just baby sitting. How do we create environments that help our tamariki know they are loved by us and God.

## WORKSHOP C

2 - 2.55 pm

### TELL IT LIKE IT IS

#### [Led by Andrew Ramsbottom]

Story telling is a vital tool for anyone working with children. Explore how to make this essential part of any Bible programme exciting and memorable. This workshop is part of our Children's Ministry Certificate. [Click here to read more.](#)

### INSPIRING & LEADING GREAT VOLUNTEER TEAMS

#### [Led by Sarah Singleton]

Explore ways to build your volunteer teams, inspire them, train them, encourage them and connect with them. Come ready to discuss your experiences and ideas

### DISCOVERING JESUS

#### [Led by Annette Osborne]

We want to see children encountering God in life changing ways! Let's explore the question, 'What does evangelism look like in 2024? Discover healthy ways to support children to discover Jesus and be transformed by him.

## WORKSHOP C

2 - 2.55 pm

### **BECOMING INTERGENERATIONAL**

#### **[Led by Angela Blundell ]**

How do we connect our children and young people to a gathered community of faith? Explore how we can connect children into the whole church and if the whole church is not quite ready for that step, how we can curate intergenerational groups that are inclusive and collaborative.

### **GOD CONNECTED PRESCHOOLERS**

#### **[Led by Phillip Ozanne]**

What can a connection with God look like in our under 5s? How can we facilitate this? Come and explore some ideas for how to create opportunities for our youngest children to connect with and respond to God.



# Our workshop presenters for Auckland



## **Andrew Ramsbottom**

Andrew left school teaching to work for Scripture Union. He's experienced in biblical storytelling and has a particular interest in all-age (intergenerational) church.



## **Donna Funk**

Donna and her family arrived in 2004 to help with church planting. She has worked with children with special needs for over 30 years. She has also been apart of Children's Bible Ministries for 15 years. Helping to equip the church to embrace and become more inclusive of neurodiverse children is the motivation for these workshops.



## **Sarah Vigers**

Sarah is the Kids and Families lead at Glendowie Presbyterian Church. She is passionate about seeing children come to faith and grow in faith and supporting families on their faith journeys. She is also passionate about coffee and cake!



## **Nathan Palmer**

Nathan Palmer is the Kaitiaki Youth & Emerging Generations Ministries for the Northern Baptist Association, working with intermediate and youth leaders from 100 faith communities within the Northern Region. As a previous youth pastor, he is passionate about seeing young people love Jesus and step into everything God created them to be.



## **Annette Osborne**

Annette has worked for Scripture Union since 2004. She is passionate about the place of the Bible in bringing transformation in the lives of children, young people and their families. She loves listening to the questions children ask, and helping them to discover the answers for themselves. When she is not working she can be found paddling her kayak to a secluded beach somewhere, with a thermos of tea.



## **Sarah Singleton**

Sarah landed in New Zealand 10 years ago and lives with her family just outside Hamilton. She leads the Primary age kids ministry at Gateway Church. She loves being by the sea, swimming and hanging out with friends.



## **Raewyn Moodie**

Raewyn Moodie has been a Coach in the Children and Family space for 15 years alongside pastoring in a church and chaplaincy in primary school. She has a passion for helping churches and families disciple children for the long term.



## **Dave Diack**

Dave Diack is a children's and families pastor at Manurewa Baptist with over 17 years' experience in the role. He has just recently launched this campaign and would love to share some tips on how you can get one started in your church.



## Angela Blundell

Angela is the Intergenerational Ministry Facilitator at the Anglican Diocese of Auckland, supporting churches on their intergenerational journey. She delights in curating opportunities for people to connect with God and one another and she gets to do that at St Mary by the Sea in Torbay where she and her husband Dion are in intergenerational ministry together. They also have four children (18, 16, 14 and 12) and when not busy juggling work, church and home you can find her reading, writing and taking photos of clouds, sunsets and her cat.



## Phillip Ozanne

Kia Ora my name is Phil Ozanne and I have worked with children in the early years for 27 years. I am married with 4 children of my own. I am currently the manager of Waiapu Kids St Georges in Whakatane and attend Ōtūmoetai Baptist church in Tauranga.



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