

# Okia TO GROW Tipu

sunz children's ministry training

## WHANGANUI

This year our Kia Tipu - to Grow 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.**

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<b>Doors open 9:00AM</b> <b>All together session 9:15 - 10AM</b>		
<b>Workshop A 10 - 11:15</b>	<b>Workshop B 11:45 - 1:00</b>	<b>Workshop C 1:45 - 3:00</b>
<b>*A1 TELL IT LIKE IT IS</b> - Story telling is a vital tool for anyone working with children. Explore how to make this essential part of any programme exciting and memorable. Led by Annette Osborne	<b>*B1 FAITH FORMATION</b> - Learn what to expect from children of different ages and stages of development and how to meet them where they are. Led by Liz Eichler	<b>*C1 PRAYER ZONE</b> - Experience a range of different ways to pray to help children and families develop a deep relationship with God. Led by Helen Doney
<b>A2 NEURO-DIVERSITY</b> -Embracing neurodiversity in children's ministry by creating inclusive supportive spaces where every child is valued, understood and encouraged to grow in faith. Led by Andrea Lukin	<b>B2 A MINUTE TO WIN IT</b> - Explore a variety of quick games and challenges designed to add zing to your programmes. Learn how to use them to create teachable moments and generate discussion. Led by Jon Iliffe	<b>C2 BRICK BY BRICK</b> - How to engage children in a creative, interactive way using LEGO to explore Bible stories, teamwork, and faith-based learning. Led by Andrea Lukin
<b>#A3 EXPERIENCING GODLY PLAY STYLE STORYTELLING</b> - "Tell me a story, the best one you know..." Gain some background to this storytelling style and how it can be used in church and Christian education settings. Be part of the Godly Play Story circle as a story is shared. Led by Tanya Cogan	<b>#B3 SHARING A STORY - GODLY PLAY STYLE</b> - Learn a Godly Play Style story together then leave with the story, materials and inspiration to share it with the children in your circle. Includes helpful tips for learning stories and ideas of where to find scripts, resources and materials. Led by Tanya Cogan	<b>C3 COME TOGETHER</b> - How to plan a gathering that brings all the generations together. Top tips and great ideas for a church service, community event or church camp. Led by Annette Osborne
<b>A4 SUSTAINABLE CRAFTS</b> - Ways to use recycled materials and "found" objects to help illustrate Bible stories, and foster connections with God and each other. Led by Liz Eichler	<b>B4 FOSTERING GOD CONNECTION IN UNDER 5's</b> - Young children are already connected to God. We get to be a significant adult in their lives, creating space for God to work, and acknowledge and encourage their experiences with God. Led by Phil Ozanne	<b>C4 CHURCH &amp; HOME PARTNERSHIP: A PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE</b> - The most important people in the faith formation of children are those they live with. Experience a 'faith at home session', one way to encourage whānau to make the most of everyday moments to nurture faith. Led by Jan Ozanne

**\*These workshops are great if you're new to children's ministry or looking to refresh your thinking and practice.**

**# These workshops are independent of each other, you can take both or either.**

# OUR WORKSHOP PRESENTERS FOR WHANGANUI



## **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 beach, with a thermos of tea.



## **Liz Eichler**

Liz works for Scripture Union as the Children and Families Team Leader. She thinks a lot about what 21st century church could look like. In her 'spare' time, she tries to swim, walk and knit, though not all at once! She also likes to recycle to the 'nth' degree.





## Jon Iliffe

I have been involved in Christian children's work my whole life, growing up with my dad, who was a children's evangelist in the UK. Inspired by his example, over the past 25 years I have been a part of the children's ministry team at Whanganui Central Baptist Church. I'm passionate about creating a fun, welcoming environment where children can explore their faith and experience God's love in a joyful and engaging way. I love being out and about, mountain biking, tramping or skiing are my favourites.



## Andrea Lukin

Andrea is the SUNZ Children and Families Consultant for the Wellington area.

Prior to this, she was involved in pastoring local churches for 30 years. Andrea is passionate about equipping parents to bring faith into their homes and helping families with discipleship. In her spare time, she enjoys upcycling school desks and chairs, doing macrame, knitting socks, and making earrings from innertube tyres.



## Jan Ozanne

Jan Ozanne is the family pastor at Ōtūmoetai Baptist Church in Tauranga, the Baptist Bay of Plenty Coach for children and families, and the National Points Person for Baptist Children and Families. She is married to Phil and they have four teenage and young adult children.



## 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.



## Helen Doney

My name is Helen Doney,  
I am the Whanganui Anglican Parish  
Family and Children's Worker.  
I have been working in Children's ministry  
for 15 years, I started in the Baptist Church  
and have been with the Anglicans for the  
last 4 years.

During this time I have completed a  
Graduate Diploma in Applied Theology  
through Carey Baptist College.  
I am passionate about equipping children  
in their journey as lifelong disciples of  
Christ. I believe children are not the future  
church, but I like to imagine how the future  
church will look when we give our children  
the worth they are due now.  
In my spare time my happy place is  
working at my sewing machine creating  
ballet costumes.



## Tanya Cogan

Kia Ora Koutou, I have the privilege of  
being alongside children and families in  
my role as the Team Leader, Children  
and Families at Whanganui Central  
Baptist Church and as a kaiako at  
Whanganui Central Baptist  
Kindergarten. I love to see children and  
adults experience God drawing near to  
them, and knowing freedom and  
creativity as they draw near to Him. I am  
married to Gerald and we are  
discovering the joys and challenges of  
empty-nesting and becoming  
grandparents.





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