Young People, Communities and Jobs

Creating pathways from learning to employment for our region’s young people

The Otago Community Trust and the Dunedin City Council invite you to join employers, educators, young people and community & social organisations for a participant-driven workshop discussing issues related to:

- Youth careers and positive outcomes
- Partnerships for community success
- Education and economic development

Discussion will be led by leading NZ educationalist, Dr Stuart Middleton (bio attached)

Date: Wednesday 11th June 2014
Time: 9.30 – 5.00pm (lunch will be provided)
Venue: Port Otago Lounge
         Edgar Centre, Portsmouth Drive.
RSVP: by 3rd June 2014
      03 479 0994 or email info@oct.org.nz
      Places are limited

Programme

9.45 am Introductions
10.00 – 11.00am Representatives across a number of sectors will present on the work they do, challenges and possible opportunities for training and employment for young people.
11.00 – 11.15am Morning tea
11.15 – 12.30pm Stuart Middleton – “Brick Walls or Pathways to Futures”
12.30 – 1.15pm Lunch
1.15 – 2.30pm Workshop One – small group discussions to consider:
   1. Potential responses that we could make to address the issues identified?
   2. Resources we have in our community?
   3. Who is going to take the lead in this?
2.30 – 3.00pm Plenary – report back to the full group on Workshop One
3.00 – 3.30pm Afternoon tea
3.30 – 4.30pm Workshop Two – small group discussions to consider:
   “What priorities are we going to make progress with after today?”
4.30 – 5.00pm Conclusion

“There can be no keener revelation of a communities soul, than the way it treats its children and young people” – Nelson Mandela
Dr. Stuart Middleton

Stuart Middleton has a background in English teaching specialising in the teaching of English in linguistically diverse communities. He taught at several Manukau secondary schools before joining the Auckland College of Education where he taught secondary teacher education courses in English and Education. He has worked as a consultant in a variety of countries throughout the Pacific and has contributed to policy development in Great Britain.

After a period as Principal of Aorere College he returned to the Auckland College of Education as General Manager Academic Services prior to taking up his current position as Director External Relations at Manukau Institute of Technology.

He wrote regular columns for New Zealand Education Review in New Zealand and Campus Review in Australia. He speaks and writes on a wide range of educational topics. He continues to write a weekly column for Campus Review in Australia and maintains a regular blog at www.stuartmiddleton@manukau.ac.nz or www.edtalknz.com.

His awards have included QANTAS Media Awards in 2002 and 2003 as the Best Social Issues Columnist in New Zealand, a Commonwealth Relations Trust Fellowship to the University of London Institute of Education and in 2007 – 2008 he was awarded a Fulbright New Century Scholars Award and it was out of that work that New Zealand’s first Tertiary High School opened in 2010 at Manukau Institute of Technology was developed. In 2010 he was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) for his services to education. In 2010 he established the Centre for Studies in Multiple Pathways at MIT to continue the work in the secondary/tertiary interface area.

He was chair of the Minister’s Advisory Group on Youth Guarantee, is a member of the NZQA Assessment Reference Group and is a member of the Minister’s Cross Sector Forum on Student Achievement.

He is involved widely in community organizations in Auckland. Currently he is the chair of Community Education Trust Auckland (COMET), a member of the Business Advisory Panel of the Auckland Council and is a trustee for the Hillary House Leadership Centre. He is a JP.

He is widely regarded as an education commentator, publishes a twice weekly education blog (www.EdTalkNZ.com) and writes for Campus Review in Australia.