

5 - 6 March 2014
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Today!

Empowering Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

3rd National
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Trust
New Zealand Training Conference

DON'T MISS this **MUST ATTEND** event for all grandparents raising their grandchildren, professionals and organisations working at the frontline of family and social welfare support, child advocacy and policy development

Hear from an outstanding line-up of leading NZ experts including



Nigel Latta
ONZM
Psychologist



Dr Simon Rowley and
Nathan Mikaere-Wallis
Brainwave Trust



Brainwave
build a lifetime in the early years



Pat Buckley
Amped4Life



PLUS Jill Worrall MNZM, Minister for Social Development Paula Bennett, Shane Harris, Principal Family Court Judge Laurence Ryan, Paul Nixon, Catherine Atchison, Alan Gluestein, Grant Cleland, Tricia Corin, Sandy Biggs, Hana Ellis, and Pio Terei MNZM

Gain inspiring and empowering insights into the key issues affecting grandparents raising grandchildren

Update on the **Government's additional \$35M support for GRGs**

Latest research and insights into early childhood brain development, the teenage brain and the value of kinship and grandparent care • Practical tips for **raising teens who have suffered abuse and neglect** • **New Family Court reforms** and how it will affect GRGs

Sexual behaviour in children and adolescents - what's normal and what's not?
NZ's youth drug culture - what's really going on? • **Guiding your grandchildren to make the right choices for life** • **UCB entitlements and Benefit reforms**
Estate planning • **Welfare guardianship** • **Transitioning disabled adult grandchildren into the workforce**

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- 8.00 Registration and Coffee
- 8.30 Karakia and Welcome
- 8:50 Opening Remarks from the Chair
Jill Worrall MNZM
- 9.00 Keynote Address from the Minister
Honourable Paula Bennett, Minister for Social Development
- 9.40 Resolving Guardianship and Care Issues: Family Court Update
Court's perspective on legislative/policy changes
His Honour Judge Laurence Ryan, New Zealand Principal Family Court Judge
Practitioner's perspective on practical implications for GRGs
Hana Ellis, Barrister and Mediator
- 10.30 Table Talk
- 10:50 Morning Tea
- 11.10 Brain Development in Young Children: Why the Early Years Last Forever
Dr Simon Rowley, Paediatrician, Brainwave Trust
- 11.50 Open Forum
- 12.00 Lunch
- 12.50 Zac Johns and Elizabeth Sayegh Entertain
Inspiring young entertainers who were raised by their grandparents
- 1.10 Understanding the Entitlements to Financial Support and Advocating for You
Tricia Corin, Field Officer and Benefits Advocate, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
Sandy Biggs, Auckland Manager, Work and Income New Zealand
- 2.20 Reflections on the Past, Parenting and Being Raised By Kin
Pio Terei MNZM
- 2.40 Afternoon Tea
- 3.00 Who Will Look After My Grandchildren When I Am Gone?
Catherine Atchison, Partner, Martelli McKeeg Alan Gluestein, Barrister, Wyndham Chambers
- 3.50 Empowering a Disabled Grandchild's Transition into the Workforce
Grant Cleland, Chief Executive, Workbridge
- 4.30 Open Forum
- 4.50 Closing Remarks from the Chair
- 5.00 Day One Concludes
- 7.00 Conference Dinner

- 8.50 Opening Remarks from the Chair
- 9.00 Kinship and Grandparent Care
Paul Nixon, Chief Social Worker, Child Youth and Family
- 9.40 Adolescent Brains: What on Earth is Going on in Their Heads?
Nathan Mikaere-Wallis, Brainwave Trust
- 10.30 Morning Tea
- 10.50 Complex Problems Don't Need Complex Solutions: Raising Teens Who've Suffered Abuse and Neglect
Nigel Latta ONZM, Clinical Psychologist
- 11.50 Open Forum and Table Talk
- 12.00 Lunch
- 12.50 Understanding the Sexualised Behaviour of Children and Youth - What's OK, What's Not, Why Not, and What Can I Do About It?
Shane Harris, SAFE Network
- 1.40 Table Talk
- 1.50 Heads Up on NZ's Youth Culture and the Drug Scene - What's Really Going On and How to Guide Your Grandchildren to Make the Right Choices in Life
Pat Buckley, Managing Director, Amped4Life
- 2.40 Open Forum
- 3.00 Closing Remarks from the Chair
- 3.10 Conference Concludes with Afternoon Tea

"Having two little boys again is hard. You don't fit in with the 'normal' grandparents and you don't fit in with other 'parents' as you are really neither. But...when you are feeling as if the world is against you and a little hand goes in yours and a little voice tells you they love you and you are the best...it makes all the hassles...worth it."
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Conference Information

Wednesday 5 - Thursday 6 March 2014
The Novotel Hotel, Ellerslie, Auckland, NZ

Day One 9am to 5.00pm
Day Two 9am to 3.10pm

Please refer to www.grg.org.nz for full conference abstracts and information about the speakers.

Please Note: The GRG Trust reserves the right to make any amendments that we may deem to be in the best interests of the conference.

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