

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The New Zealand Association for Environmental Education (NZAEE) is a national organisation that aims to promote and support Environmental Education and Education for Sustainability. Our membership includes educators from central and local government, primary, secondary, early childhood and tertiary learning institutions, businesses, individuals, community groups, and NGOs.

The purpose of the conference is to foster effective social responses to New Zealand's pursuit of sustainability. It is for people working in education, communities, business or governance who are interested in encouraging behaviour change that will mitigate human impact on the planet.

The conference aims:

- To review and document achievements in New Zealand in the first half of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.
- To consider directions and goals for the next two years and the roles that sector groups and the Association can play in advancing these goals.
- To explore and develop concrete ways to champion, promote and measure effective environmental/sustainability education.
- To give participants the opportunity to view examples of good practice, develop new skills, network with likeminded people and to re-energise themselves.

2010 marks the midpoint of the UN Decade for Education for Sustainable Development. This is an appropriate time to reflect on what has been achieved since the start of the Decade, and to explore opportunities for the remainder - hence the theme “Taking the Next Steps - Te Ahu Whakamua”. This conference is an opportunity to take stock of where we are at, and to explore ideas and make plans for how we head into the future.

The conference programme will consist of common interest workshops, key note speakers and panel discussions, presentations, workshops, poster sessions and field trips. Alongside the formal conference programme will be a social programme and a pre-conference research symposium.

Abstracts for conference presentations are now welcome!

The NZAEE conference programme committee is pleased to invite abstracts for:

- a) **45 minute presentations:** Maximum time 30 minutes with 15 minutes for questions
- b) **90 minute workshops:** Introduction followed by interactive format with intended outcomes for participants
- c) **Poster presentations:** A1 size, portrait or landscape format. Presenters must be available for question & answer sessions within the conference programme

KEY DATES

Call for Abstracts	25 May 2009
Deadline for Abstract Submission	24 July 2009
Notification of Acceptance/Rejection	28 August 2009
Registrations Open	21 September 2009
Last Day for Early Bird Registrations	27 November 2009
Conference	19-22 January 2010

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING PROPOSALS

In evaluating proposals the reviewers will be mindful of the following criteria:

- Proposals are in plain language free of specialist jargon unless it is clearly appropriate.
- The degree to which the substance of the presentation contributes to the conference goals.
- Innovation and originality, or application of existing ideas in ways that provide new insights and progress the field.
- Usefulness to a significant audience of educational practitioners.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Please note that abstracts received after 5pm on Friday 24 July 2009 will not be considered.
- All Abstracts are subject to review by a panel of reviewers appointed by the Organising Committee. The review panel may contact authors or their nominated referees as part of the review process.
- Presenters must register to attend the Conference and are responsible for meeting their own registration fees, travel and accommodation expenses.
- Check spelling and grammar before submission, as successful abstracts will be published in the Conference Programme and spelling and grammar will not be checked by the Conference Organisers.

ABSTRACT FORMAT GUIDELINES

Paper proposals must fit on a single (A4) page and should describe the content of the presentation, how it links to the conference theme and provides lessons for others in the field.

Workshop proposals may use two (A4) pages and must explain the activities to occur within the workshop and their value in furthering practice.

Your abstract format must include the following:

Title (**bold**)

Author(s) (presenting author in bold)

Origin (Organisation, City, Country if other than NZ)

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Abstract Text (1.5 line spacing, plain font, 12 point, no images or diagrams. One page for papers, two pages for workshops. The abstract must specify the target audience, i.e. who the presentation should interest.)

Referees with contact details – people who can vouch for your research or have heard you do a formal presentation.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Abstracts must be submitted in Microsoft Word format with the file named using the following format:

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Abstracts must be submitted by email to the Conference Organisers at gameplanevents@xtra.co.nz with the title of your abstract followed by – NZACEE 2010 as the subject line.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Conference Organisers Nicola Pentelow or Carol-Ann Stubbs:

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