

Education Summit Advisory Group Terms of Reference

The Education Summit Advisory Group, of up to eight members, is appointed by the Minister of Education. The Advisory Group will provide coherence between the vision and kaupapa that emerges from the Summit and the national education conversation, and the Minister of Education's strategic work programme.

Context

The key features of the Government's vision for the education portfolio are that:

- This Government will champion a high quality public education system that provides all New Zealanders with learning opportunities so that they can discover and develop their full potential throughout their lives, engage fully in society, and lead rewarding and fulfilling lives
- This Government believes in an education system that brings out the very best in everyone and that means our educational offerings need to be as diverse as the learners we cater for
- We need our people to be resilient, creative, and adaptable, with great communication and interpersonal skills, and prepared to work collaboratively as well as independently
- To be effective in meeting these aspirations, our education system needs to change to meet the needs of the 21st century.

The Government has five main objectives for the education portfolio over this term of Government. These are:

- Learners at the centre
- Barrier free access
- Quality teaching
- Quality public education
- 21st Century learning.

The Government's strategic work programme for 2018 will be focused on articulating refining, and getting shared ownership of this vision and objectives for the education system, reviewing key aspects of the system and refreshing the strategies for the education portfolio. A whole-of-portfolio Education Summit as part of a wider national education conversation will be the key part of this.

Outcome

The Education Summit will take place as two major events in May 2018. The Summit will bring together a breadth of voices from across New Zealand to facilitate rich and broad-based conversations about the future of the education system.

The Summit events and national education conversation are not stand-alone isolated events. The conversations will inform the Minister of Education's strategic work programme over the course of 2018 and beyond.

The Advisory Group will use their high-level overview perspective across the parts outlined above to provide coherence between the vision and kaupapa from the Education Summit and

national education conversation and the development and delivery of the strategic work programme.

Scope

The Advisory Group will serve to maintain the integrity and visibility of the Education Summit vision and kaupapa as time goes on. They will work with the Ministry of Education so that the vision and kaupapa is 'front of mind' in the development and delivery of the strategic work programme.

The key timeframe for the work of the Advisory Group is the strategic phase during 2018. The Advisory Group and the Minister will reconsider the status of the Advisory Group once the strategic phase is complete.

Operation

To ensure outputs from the Summit are reflected in the Ministry's strategic work programme, the group will:

- participate in the Summit events and the broader national conversation of which the Summit events are part;
- engage with the Summit design team¹ after the Summit events to provide guidance and reflections for the development of post-event outputs;
- maintain a high level overview perspective so they can identify opportunities for greater coherence between the Summit and national conversation and the work programme, and on areas of particular focus where the vision and kaupapa from the Summit events and national conversation could be more strongly emphasised; and
- through their work, provide a mechanism that provides increased confidence assurance to the Minister of Education and Summit participants that the vision and kaupapa from the Summit events is reflected in the strategic work programme.

The Advisory Group will operate in a transparent and open manner.

The Advisory Group will meet as part of the Summit and regularly following the Summit to ensure that it has sufficient overview and is able to reflect on the strategic work programme as it progresses. As a guide;

- The Advisory group will meet prior to, between and immediately after the two Summit events and then, on average, monthly (possibly more frequently initially)
- The Advisory Group would convene for half day meetings, with focused engagement time with the Minister (30 minutes).

The Ministry of Education will provide secretariat support for the Advisory Group.

The Advisory Group will work with and through the secretariat. Engagement with other parties, if required, will be facilitated by the Ministry of Education.

¹ The Summit design team includes the design partners for the events, Creative HQ and 'Where to from here' and the Ministry of Education Summit team.

Where required, the Chair of the Advisory Group will be responsible for responding to media/public engagement associated with the work of the Advisory Group, with the support of, and in consultation with the Ministry of Education.