

# National Executive Candidates 2025 – 2026

## Curriculum Vitae



KO TANGATA TIRITI AHAU  
I TIPU AKE AU KI WHAKATU  
E NOHO ANA AU KI TE WHANGANUI-A-TARA  
KO CAPITAL KIDS CO-OPERATIVE TŌKU KURA  
KO MEGAN TŌKU INGOA  
KO WHITE TŌKU INGOA WHĀNAU

**Nominated for:** Early Childhood Sector  
General Membership

Mōku te Ao is the way NZEI Te Riu Roa drives change in the education system to one based on Rangatiratanga and I believe that I have the leadership and self-determination skills to be a voice for all, especially representing and advocating for the whole education sector. Through my Union mahi I have formed connections and bonds with educators across the motu. Through these connections I believe that listening and ensuring everyone's voices are heard is essential to developing powerful partnerships within the Union and a collaborative approach to advocacy.

I've been the face of many ECE campaigns and media coverage over the past 5 years. I'm an excellent public speaker and innovator when working with colleagues on matters that count for our children. I have also acquired a skill set that would lead me to success on National Executive through my experience in ECE and many years as a Centre Manager. As a Centre Manager I have learnt to manage and maintain relationships, time management skills and to be able to recognise and empower others and their skills.

### **Relevant skills, attributes and qualifications:**

- Victoria University of Wellington, 2009-2011
- Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Early Childhood
- Full Teacher Registration 2014
- Board member of TDA Teacher development Aotearoa
- Current First Aid Certificate (October 2024)
- Space facilitator training: November 2017
- Ballet Dance Teacher 2007-2009
- ECE experience in both private and community not for profit ECE centres.

### **NZEI experience:**

ECECA bargaining team member: 2022,2023,2024

NLG ECE Rep: 2023-2024

Worksite rep for many years.

I have been the face for the Early Childhood sector and I have been on many TV interviews both live and prerecorded, radio interviews, sound bites for radio, Stuff, NZ Herald and The Post. Through being your ECE Rep on National Executive I hope to be able to continue this mahi and be a voice for those who can't/not allowed a voice in the Education sector.

### **Other background and personal information:**

I'm currently the Centre Manager of a not for profit community based ECE Centre in Wellington. In my spare time I enjoy ocean swimming all year round, exercise, travelling and time in nature.

I'm really excited to continue my advocacy mahi and be more involved with NZEI Te Riu Roa.

***Nominated by: Wellington Branch***