

## Seminar Series 2019-20

### "Adult Education in New Zealand/Aotearoa: Hope or despair?"

**Presenter: Colin McGregor, Director, Adult and Continuing Education (ACE) Aotearoa**

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 12:00-13:30,  
St. Andrews Building,  
Room 230

#### Abstract

Adult Education in New Zealand has been in a cycle of hope and despair for many years. There were significant cuts to funding in 2010 and the sector has not been greatly valued. However, a new coalition government was elected in 2017 has breathed new life into the sector with the promise of new policy settings and a five-year Tertiary Education Strategy that acknowledges the role that the ACE sector can play.

This session will outline the past, present and possible future shape of ACE in New Zealand and the accompanying challenges and opportunities.

#### Colin McGregor

Colin had a 30-year career in the Public Service of New Zealand, mainly in the Education Sector. His last public sector position was 3 years as Private Secretary to the Associate Minister of Education in the New Zealand government. These positions gave him an in-depth understanding of public sector bureaucracy and the machinery of government and enabled him to build up many useful contacts.



He was appointed as Director (CEO) of Adult and Community Education (ACE) Aotearoa in 2016. ACE Aotearoa, a non-governmental organisation, is the lead body for Adult and Community Education in New Zealand. The role is to support the over 600 providers of ACE in New Zealand through training, resources, conferences, sharing best practice and advocacy to government. ACE Aotearoa is 90% funded by the New Zealand Government.

He has a strong commitment to his own learning, having completed three Masters degrees including a Master of Business Administration from the University of Wales.

He is also keen to learn from other jurisdictions such as Australia and Scotland. Colin is an active member of a small but committed band of motorcyclists and a somewhat larger but equally committed Whisky club.

All are welcome. Tea and Coffee will be available

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