

*Ministerial Advisory Group Review of Early Childhood Education Funding System  
Engagements: Discovery Phase September 2025 to January 2026*

Session / participants	Attendees
Kindergartens Aotearoa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He Whānau Manaaki o Tararua Free Kindergarten Association Incorporated</li> <li>• Kidsfirst – Canterbury Westland Kindergarten Association Incorporated</li> <li>• Inspired Kindergartens (Tauranga Regional Free Kindergarten Association Incorporated)</li> <li>• Kindergarten Taranaki (Taranaki Free Kindergarten Association Incorporated)</li> </ul>	7
Auckland: Sosaiete Aoga Amata Sāmoa i Aotearoa (SAASIA) conference	Registrations not available
Barnardos Early Learning Centre Māngere	1
Barnardos Early Learning Centre Ōtara	1
Auckland Kindergarten Association	1
Auckland: Large ECE providers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evolve</li> <li>• BestStart</li> <li>• 4Es Consulting</li> <li>• BusyBees</li> <li>• New Shoots</li> <li>• Kindercare</li> </ul>	8
Early Childhood Council (ECC)	3
Gisborne: Ngā puna reo and reo rua services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whare Amai Puna Reo (service visit)</li> <li>• Te Whare Whai Hua (Reo Rua)</li> <li>• Te Whare Kōhungahunga o Y Tamariki (Reo Rua) (service visit)</li> <li>• Tamarau ELC (service visit)</li> </ul>	7
Gisborne Kindergarten Association	2
Gisborne: Isolated services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kids House/Kids Corner (Wairoa)</li> <li>• Te Karaka Preschool</li> </ul>	2
New Zealand Kindergartens general manager’s group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NZ Kindergartens</li> </ul>	20

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hutt City Kindergarten Association</li> <li>• Ashburton Free Kindergarten Association</li> <li>• Central Kids</li> <li>• Dannevirke Kindergarten Association</li> <li>• Dunedin Kindergarten Association</li> <li>• Geraldine District Free Kindergarten Association</li> <li>• Heretaunga Free Kindergarten Association</li> <li>• Te Aroha, Marlborough Kindergarten Association</li> <li>• Napier Kindergarten Association</li> <li>• Nelson Tasman Kindergarten Association</li> <li>• Oamaru Kindergarten Association</li> <li>• Northland Kindergarten Association</li> <li>• Ruahine Kindergarten Association</li> <li>• Southland Free Kindergarten Association</li> <li>• Waimate Kindergarten Association</li> <li>• South Canterbury Free Kindergarten Association</li> <li>• Waikato Kindergarten Association</li> <li>• Westport Kindergarten Association</li> </ul>	
Barnardos Services Group	3
Gisborne: Regional Hui: ECE community	14
Taranaki Manawatu Regional Hui: ECE community	80
Auckland: Engaging Priority Families, Targeted Assistance for Participation (TAP), Poipoia Programmes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turuki Health</li> <li>• Fruition Education Ltd</li> <li>• Relative Ltd</li> </ul>	6
Auckland: Safari Multicultural Playgroups - refugee communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Belong Aotearoa</li> </ul>	2
Auckland: Pacific ECE leaders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAASIA Inc</li> <li>• Ako Tokamu'a Lou Olive</li> <li>• Akoteu To'onga Fungani</li> </ul>	5
Auckland Regional Hui: ECE community	25
Montessori Association	8
Christchurch: Engaging Priority Families, Poipoia Programmes, Demand Stimulation Programmes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aranui Community Trust Incorporated Society (ACTIS)</li> <li>• Te Puawaitanga ki Ōtautahi Trust</li> </ul>	4

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Christchurch: Centre based providers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ashburton Baptist Preschool</li> <li>• Bella Montessori Preschool Limited</li> <li>• Deb's Place Early Learning Centre</li> <li>• Dorie Community Preschool</li> <li>• Dudley Creek Preschool Ltd</li> <li>• Haven ELC</li> <li>• Heathcote Valley Montessori Preschool</li> <li>• Jigsaw Preschool Yaldhurst</li> <li>• Kids at Play Temuka</li> <li>• Learning Bee Montessori</li> <li>• Little Beans Preschool Limited</li> <li>• Prebbleton Early Learners</li> <li>• Swannanoa Preschool</li> <li>• The James Street Pre-School</li> <li>• Tuahiwi Community Preschool</li> <li>• Waka Huia Childcare</li> <li>• Wonderhub Early Learning Centre</li> <li>• Huntsbury Community Preschool</li> </ul>	27
Christchurch: Homebased providers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curious Little Explorers Limited</li> <li>• Kiddz Homebased Childcare</li> <li>• Organic Kids Limited</li> <li>• Wild at Heart Homebased Education</li> <li>• Home Grown Kids</li> <li>• Pandas Home care</li> <li>• Selwyn Kids</li> </ul>	5
Christchurch Regional Hui: ECE community	66
Christchurch: Engaging Priority Families, Poipoia te Mokopuna and Demand Stimulation Programmes	4
Nelson Regional Hui: ECE community	71
Bay of Plenty Waiariki Regional Hui: ECE community	57
New Zealand Association for Research in Education (NZARE) conference	Registrations not available
BusinessNZ	2
Hospital-based services	7
NZEI Te Riu Roa	7
Open online hui 21 November: ECE community	47

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Open online hui 24 November: ECE community	24
Open online hui 25 September: ECE community	18
Open online hui 25 September: ECE community	15
Hamilton: McKenzie Centre visit	4
Hamilton: Waikato Kindergarten Association	3
Waikato Regional Hui: ECE community	35
Hamilton: puna reo, reo rua	10
Hamilton: service providers	6
Hamilton: Pacific services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leo o Fanau Moana bilingual</li> <li>• Leo o Fanau Moana immersion</li> </ul>	15
ECE Reform non-profit collective of teachers, parents, early education and care service owners	1
Auckland: Auckland Primary Principals' Association (APPA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Milford School</li> <li>• Woodlands Park School</li> <li>• Remuera School</li> <li>• Silverdale School</li> </ul>	4
ECE Academics 1 December:	3
ECE Academics 11 December:	2
Ngā Puna Reo o Aotearoa (NPRA) Hui:	7
Wellington: He Whānau Manaaki Kindergartens	2
Wellington Regional Hui: ECE community	6
Dunedin: Supported playgroups and Poipoia Te Mokopuna <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Te Hou Ora Whanau Services</li> </ul>	2
Dunedin: Homebased <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wild Things/Edubase Ltd</li> <li>• Pioneers Homebased</li> </ul>	4

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Dunedin: Kindergartens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oamaru Kindergarten Assoc</li> <li>• Dunedin Kindergartens</li> </ul>	2
Dunedin Regional Hui: ECE community	12
Whangarei	13
Whangarei	6
Whangarei	8
Parent/Family/Whānau group from Whaikaha Ministry of Disabled People	9
Teen Parent Units (TPU): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barnardos</li> <li>• Stratford High School</li> <li>• Murihiku Young Parents Learning Centre</li> </ul>	3
Te Rito Maioha Early Childhood New Zealand	5