

Reflections on the Past — Learning from the past

Mitzi Nairn

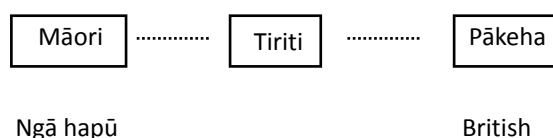
Mitzi Nairn has been involved in workshops for te Tiriti and anti-racism education for a long time. She remembers issues and campaigns, and regards herself as more of a poet and storyteller than an analyst.

The workshop began with a round of names and things people want to learn/discuss.

These were noted:

- Resilience regarding the Treaty especially in the face of urgent matters
- Where do Pacific Islands peoples fit in? In what role? Education re Treaty?
- What can I do to impart my learnings and have an impact on others regarding the Treaty of Waitangi
- Translating / analysing the Treaty in a way that keeps its essence but is accessible in current/swirling Corporate driven contexts.
- Listen and understand and learn about work being done
- Work and relationship building in past
- Stories of impact in social services.
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Main points of the presentation:



Pasifika

- Came through agreement with British
- Didn't identify as Pākeha
- Tangata Tiriti perhaps a term more accepted by P.I.

- One basis of resilience is Te Tiriti
- Resilience is about courage, being stretched, being supported and loved.
- Outward support of each other
- Expression of emotion important about these important issues
- Te Tiriti can speak into every age and situation – let the Treaty speak
- The Treaty arose in a corporate-driven context (the NZ Company) so let it speak now
- History of Pākeha Treaty Education
- Hard work of unlearning ingrained behaviour

- New technology like cellphones and websites means that the new generation will work differently but can still have supportive relationships, and that can be international too.

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