

## Back to the Future - Online School Leadership Development

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The New Zealand Leadership Pathway project started in 2003 by the Royal Society of New Zealand collates some 80 interviews of leaders from the science, technology and business world. The material is organised thematically and offers a unique and innovative online learning environment where these leaders share their stories of success. Part of this material addresses their experiences at school and their memorable teaching and learning experiences (please see <http://leadership.rsnz.org/collections/26>).

The workshop will demonstrate how this environment can help develop leadership in the school environment amongst teachers and senior students. This material supports current conversations about developing an education system that produces the citizens, the workforce and the leaders that the country needs. Some of the changes identified the need to create a learning environment which deepens the connections between the education sector, workplaces and the community.

Why are these stories of relevant to teachers? Because it is hard for teachers to imagine the long term impact one can make on students: hearing the stories of successful leaders remembering what it was about their teachers that contributed to their current success may offer our audience a “Back to the Future” experience!