

Making space for student voice: planning for shared ownership of learning – practical ideas and examples

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The industrial, assembly line model of education is a thing of the distant past; knowledge is no longer something to be held by teachers and rationed out to learners as they see fit. What are we doing therefore to create new ways of working and learning together? What voice do we need to afford teachers and learners as part of that process and what difference can this voice make to outcomes for all?

This workshop will explore the concept of student voice in its many forms and offer practical strategies for shifting teacher thinking and building capability in active listening and the nurturing of student voice.

Reference will be made to the New Zealand Curriculum Online, <http://nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/>, and Key Competencies Online, <http://keycompetencies.tki.org.nz/>, which provide a wealth of ideas that can be adapted for use with your own teachers and students.