



NORTHERN AUCKLAND FREE KINDERGARTEN ASSOCIATION

## NOMINATION PROFILES

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – 7:00pm  
Long Bay Baptist Church | Auditorium | 282 Glenvar Road  
Long Bay | Auckland 0630

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#### Alexia Mesnage

I am a parent, with my daughter attending Whangaparaoa Kindergarten. I have a keen interest in early childhood education, from the fantastic services currently provided, to the issues that can arise for children and parents.

I have 20 years' experience in online communication and enjoy facilitating conversation. I also have years of experience in management, project and events management and marketing. I would be very keen to offer these skills to NAKA as I believe being part of your board would offer a great insight into the incredibly important domain of our children.

I have a double degree in Marketing and French. I have worked in sales, marketing and management roles and specialise in digital sales and marketing campaign implementation and strategy. I currently work in Parliamentary Communications as a Research and Policy Assistant and MP Support for the East Coast Bays Electoral Office.

I came to North Auckland from France at the age of 4. I live here, I work here and I am passionate about early childhood in our community. We live in a very special, multicultural environment and I wish to contribute to its continued success.

Regrettably I cannot attend the AGM due to prior travel plans however I have arranged for another parent to present my application on the evening.

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#### Nicole Thompson

As an existing Northern Auckland Free Kindergarten Association board member and Vice President, I am standing for re-election as I feel I have made a valuable contribution to NAKA and consider it a privilege to serve the Association in this way. I have built a good knowledge and understanding of the challenges facing kindergartens currently and I have a sound grasp of our Association's recent history.

I have been an English Language Teacher for NZ Institute of Education for the past four years and have also worked in this role for Kids World, Fukuoka, Japan and the Fukuoka Board of Education for approximately 6 years prior to that.

I have been part of the Torbay Kindergarten Committee (and as President) from 2015 to 2017 and of course on the Northern Auckland Free Kindergarten Association Board since 2017, with the past year as Vice President.



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I am committed to helping all our services go from strength to strength and to constantly be looking for the balance between honouring the kindergarten philosophy that makes us unique and building a sustainable future. I have great passion for early childhood education and am eager to continue in this role within Northern Auckland Free Kindergarten Association.

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### **Joanna Hough**

I am passionate about education, in particular the Early Childhood sector, hence my interest in becoming part of the NAKA Board. I am an advocate for the traditional Kindergarten model and my daughter is currently enrolled at Rangitoto Kindergarten.

I am a registered teacher with 6 years' experience working at St Michael's Catholic School in Remuera in positions such as Senior Teacher, Head of Literacy and beginning there as Sports Co-ordinator. I currently own and run a small business called Pretty Little Package Ltd and also occasionally relieve in local primary schools.

I hold a Masters of Professional Studies in Education – Research, a Bachelor of Education (Honours), a Bachelor of Education Teaching and a Diploma of Teaching Primary.

With my own children in Early Childhood as well as my early teaching experience being spent in ECE I feel I have a good understanding of the sector, what is best practice as well as the role that a Board plays in the governance of an organisation.

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#### ***Reminder: Constitution clause – 10. Voting (a) and (c)***

*All members shall be entitled to attend all General Meetings of the Association and to speak and vote on all matters coming before such meetings. Voting shall be determined by voice, a show of hands or by ballot.*