

SLIANZ Tuakana-Teina - 2019 AGM Report

It has been another busy year for the Tuakana-Teina programme.

Congratulations to our first cohort of Teina 'graduating' the programme and receiving certificates at the conference.

- 7 Teina completed the programme.
- 5 new graduates, and
2 pre-existing mentoring pairs who also joined the programme

- There is a current total of 14 Tuakana (nationwide) signed up to the programme
- 9 currently matched with one or more Teina from cohort 1 or 2.

- Welcome to the new cohort of Teina joining the programme, (6/8 have signed up and have a Tuakana.
- Feedback received: the new pairings are going well.

- Welcome to the Teina rep appointed. A new initiative, going very well. Thanks Cheryl Astley for all your great work.

- Welcome and thanks to our new and existing Tuakana. Thank you for all your hard work and belief in the programme.

- A huge thanks to the South Island Regional Coordinator, Amy Hewgill for your ongoing support.

Achievements over the year:

July: *Information and 'Speed dating' evening.* Opportunity for new Teina to learn more about the programme and meet possible Tuakana.

- Fun and successful event
- Lots of useful feedback received from new grads to apply to this year's up and upcoming event. (July/Aug date tbc).
- Thanks to George Major, Programme Leader at Aut, for your ongoing support of our programme.

Aug: *WASLI Oceania Regional Conference in Fiji*

- The Tuakana-Teina programme was presented to an international audience.
- Thanks to Beccah Curtis for representing the programme so passionately.

Sept: Mini workshop was run for Teina "*Tough talks*" by Beccah Curtis. Very informative and helpful event, thanks Beccah.

The proposed mini court workshop part 1 and 2 has been held for a later time (poor response)

Oct: Beccah and Rose were invited to present on the Tuakana/Teina programme at the NZSLTA hui;

- including development of the programme and our philosophy.
- NZSLTA were considering different mentoring model options.
- They liked our model (ongoing collaboration).

Nov: *Financial mini workshop:*

- Run for the third years (feedback from the first cohort, this would be useful pre-graduation)
- Thanks Debbie Lynch for such a thorough and informative evening.

Jan: Tuakana-Teina programme material uploaded onto the *WASLI* website.

- Requested after Deb Russel saw the presentation at the conference in Fiji.

Feb: *Coaching and Mentoring* workshop held in Auckland with Aly McNicol

- Tuakana-Teina programme funded this long awaited event.
- This was as part of the Tuakana professional development (Teina also attended).
- An excellent day of training.
- Thanks to Connect for the use of their rooms

Tuakana-Teina *PD points* have been tweaked to align with the Slianz PD table.

- Additional points for any mini workshops Tuakana and Teina present/attend
- over and above the points for being a buddy
- (*as per the Slianz PD table*).

Mar: *Exit interviews* went out to Tuakana and Teina

- requesting feedback on the programme.
- Thank you to everyone that took part.
- The responses were very positive
- Useful feedback for us to work on moving forward.

Question that resulted from the exit interview:

Does this interview mark the end of the pairing? The committee felt:

- Yes, The formal requirements of the programme are completed with the exit interview, However:
- If interpreters want to continue to attend workshops then they can.
- If the Teina have developed a good relationship with their Tuakana and both of the parties want to continue with mentoring sessions, this is great.
- PD points, can be claimed the same as non-Tuakana Teina members for:
 - mentoring sessions or
 - for attending workshops (on topics that they hadn't attended before).
- As per the Slianz PD table

April: Website update:

- All Tuakana -Teina information updated on the new website
- Tuakana -Teina status listed in Directory
- Automatic signup to the programme when filling in new membership form online
- Separate resource area for Tuakana -Teina to assist in sessions and record keeping.

Additional topics for mini workshops

- Ideas sought from current Teina
- Great suggestions received
- Work in progress planning and finding presenters

Alternative communication options

- Looking at options other than Facebook.
- Suggestions from last committee floated:
 - separate phone/hangout catch up support sessions for all Tuakana and Teina
 - (work in progress).

May/June: planning for going forward and report preparation

Going forward:

1. Hopeful catch up with Teina (at conference):

- any requests,
- needs,

- best communication approach,
- how best to support fellow Teina and Tuakana,

2. *Mini workshops for Teina*: work in progress for the remainder of the year:

Planning for:

- Introduction to educational interpreting (tbc)
- Strategies for working solo (to include 3rd years to support students out on practicum) (tbc)
- Introduction to signing of songs (tbc)

3. *Information and "Speed date night"* for the current 3rd years - July/Aug (date tbc)

Plus an opportunity for current Teina to swap their Tuakana - utilise resources available .

4. *Financial workshop* for 3rd years Oct/Nov (before they graduate) date tbc

5. *Extending or adapting the programme - peer mentoring?*

- Other kinds of mentoring?
- Survey and discussion to get feedback from members.
- Ongoing committee project

Thanks to the outgoing committee and President for all your help and hard work.

That is all to report:

Best wishes

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