



**Are you passionate about the Kindergarten and Early Learning Centre experience? Then consider a position on the Northern Auckland Free Kindergarten Association (NAKA) Board in 2019.**

*Having a strong passionate board is pivotal to the success of our kindergarten and early learning services. To achieve this, we are calling for nominations for board members.*

**Who is Northern Auckland Free Kindergarten Association (NAKA)?**

NAKA is a not for profit association that encompasses 13 kindergartens and 2 early learning centres. There are six kindergartens located in the East Coast Bays area, four in the Hibiscus Coast / Whangaparaoa area and kindergartens in Warkworth, Waimauku and Parakai. Our early learning centres are in Hobsonville Point and at the Massey University Auckland campus. We are affiliated with New Zealand Kindergartens Incorporated, the national Kindergarten body. Our goal is to provide a quality early childhood education experience for children in partnership with families, whanau and communities.

**How does the board support the kindergartens and early learning centres?**

As an association NAKA consists of a Board who govern. The Board is elected from the community by its members (parents) to govern the Association. The Board, in consultation, sets the strategic direction of the association, the policies and appoints the General Manager. The General Manager runs the day to day operation of the association including strategic development, property management, finances and providing support and opportunities for professional development for staff members. We also have an Early Childhood Education Trust which was created for the purposes of operating the Northern Auckland Early Learning Centre's Ltd (incorporating Massey University Auckland Early Learning Centre).

**Why do we need new Board Members?**

Having served on the board for 2 years, a number of board members are now up for re-election. Members with children at our services help strengthen ongoing continuity of the association and are a vital link between the board and the community it serves. Community members with an interest in the association are also invited for nomination.



## **Who would we like to see on the board?**

**Anyone who is passionate about kindergartens and early childhood education.**

A background in the following areas would also be useful but not essential: law, accounting, management, education, marketing, property, council, sustainability, risk management or health and safety.

## **How much time will I have to commit?**

Board meetings are held every 4 weeks for approximately 2 hours. These meetings are held at the NAKA Support Office in Browns Bay. During these meetings a wide range of items are discussed such as policies, finances, strategic development, building projects and risk management.

## **How will I benefit from being on the board?**

Being a board member is a wonderful opportunity to give back to your local community, be a voice for your kindergarten or early learning centre, as well as being a rewarding experience. A number of development meetings are held by NZK (New Zealand Kindergartens) during the year that the board are welcome to attend.

## **Remuneration**

Board Members are paid an hourly rate for attending each board meeting, which is capped at 2 hours per meeting. Travel expenses are also claimable.

## **MORE INFORMATION:**

If you would like more information or have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Support Office on [tracey@naka.co.nz](mailto:tracey@naka.co.nz) or phone 479 5869.

Please note nominations must be received by close at 5.00pm on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at the NAKA Support office. Nomination forms are available at the kindergarten/early learning centres or via StoryPark (Community Post)