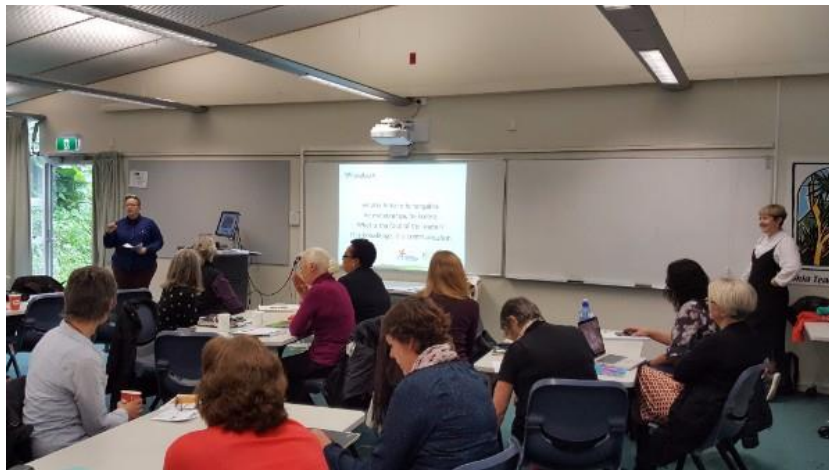


Talking Matters Network meeting May 12th, 2017 Early language inside out

Four great presenters led a very dynamic morning, full of cross-sector ideas and initiatives around early oral language.



1. Experiences from Carnegie Foundation Summit on Improvement in Education | By Emma Quigan and Suzie Harris

Emma (Talking Matters) and Suzie Harris (Auckland Kindergarten Association) shared their thoughts and reflections after presenting at the prestigious Carnegie Foundation Summit on Improvement in Education. Emma has written more about this in her latest [Talking Matters blog](#)

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2. ERO Report: Extending their language - expanding their world | by Helen Crosswell and Maria Huni

Helen and Maria (Education Review Office- ERO) presented the results of one of their latest reports, with a focus on Oral Language. They shared the experiences of dozens of schools across the country that are working alongside parents, whanau and community, to grow children’s oral language.

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3. The importance of a clear objective

We’ve been working on being clear in our pitch: Talking Matters is a community facing social equity campaign, raising awareness of the importance of early oral language. Researchers have established a clear connection between early brain development and the quality of a child’s interaction with a parent or caregiver. So we’re helping parents, communities, and businesses take specific actions to improve the interactions that Auckland tamariki experience. Kids that communicate well are happier, they’re more likely to experience positive relationships. They’re curious. They do better at school and have a better start to life.

