

## Call for Proposals: New Zealand - China Early Childhood Education (ECE) Symposium 2024

### **New Zealand – China Early Childhood Education Symposium**

Theme: *Digital Transformation in Early Childhood Education*

**Date:** Tuesday 3 December 2024, 1:00pm – 6:30pm NZT

**Location:** The University of Canterbury, Christchurch New Zealand

**Sponsors:** Education New Zealand Manapou ki te Ao & China Center for International People-to-People Exchange (CCIPE), China Ministry of Education

**Co-Organiser:** The University of Canterbury

Successful presenters must present in person and are responsible for expenses including travel to Christchurch and accommodation if applicable. There is no registration fee for presenters.

**Attendance:** Details on attending as a delegate only, either in person or online, will be released at a later date.

### **Call for Proposals**

Education New Zealand Manapou ki te Ao is seeking session proposals from academics, professionals, and practitioners in the Early Childhood Education (ECE) or International Education fields for the fifth New Zealand-China Early Childhood Education Symposium. The ECE Symposium is being held in New Zealand for the first time and the University of Canterbury will be the co-organiser for the event. A delegation of presenters and officials from China will attend the event in Christchurch along with New Zealand presenters and officials.

### **Sessions**

The proposed outline for the event includes a keynote presentation and thematic sessions. In total there will be 10 presentations from New Zealand and 10 from Chinese presenters.

#### **Keynote Presentation (20 min presentation, 1 New Zealand presentation)**

- Digital Transformation in Early Childhood Education

#### **Thematic Sessions (10 min presentation, 3 New Zealand presentations for each topic. There can be more than one presenter but must keep to the 10-minute presentation)**

1. Issues and potential for artificial intelligence in teachers' work in early childhood education
2. Implementing digital technologies for assessment in early childhood education
3. Digital transformation for communication and collaboration with families

## Proposals

We seek your session proposals to present at the New Zealand-China Early Childhood Education Symposium.

The proposal form has three sections to complete:

1. Lead presenter information
2. Co-Presenter information (if applicable)
3. Abstract (200 words) & Session Outcomes (200 words)

Complete the online Proposal Form: <https://forms.office.com/r/rHn1F731GS>

Deadline: **11:59pm Sunday 13 October NZT**

Notes:

- You can select multiple themes for one abstract.
- You can submit more than one abstract. Simply start a new form. Limit 3 proposals per applicant
- Successful presenters will be asked to submit their presentation slides and script by 15 November to aid smooth A/V transitions and interpretation.

## Audience

When preparing your abstract, please keep in mind the audience. The audience, both in person and online, will be made up of ECE experts, scholars, teachers, practitioners, institution representatives and officials from both New Zealand and China.

## Selection Criteria

Session proposals will be evaluated by an Assessment Panel on the following criteria:

Criterion 1: Presenter Information	Criterion 2: Alignment	Criterion 3: Abstract	Criterion 4: Outcomes
Presenter details are complete. Title and organisation are appropriate for the ECE Symposium.	The alignment of the proposal with the Keynote or Thematic session topic selected.	The content of the abstract is interesting and applicable to the ECE Symposium.	The learning objectives are clear, linked to topic and articulate relevance to the Chinese and New Zealand audience.

## Timeline (NZT)

13 October 11:59pm: Proposal deadline

25 October: Notification of status of proposal submission

31 October: Successful presenters' bio and headshot due

15 November: Successful presenters' presentation slides and script due

3 December: ECE Symposium at the University of Canterbury

## Background on the ECE Symposium

Under the support and guidance of Education New Zealand and China Ministry of Education, the symposium aims to build a high-level platform to facilitate communication and cooperation between ECE experts, scholars, teachers, practitioners, and institution representatives from New Zealand and China. The inaugural New Zealand-China ECE Symposium was held in November 2020 with over 1,000 virtual participants. In 2021, the theme was *Best Practice for Developing High-Quality ECE Teachers* and gained 24,000 viewers online with 170 attending in person. The 2022 Symposium, *Together for a Shared Future: Sustainable Development in Early Childhood Education and Care*, saw 200 people attend in Guilin, China and reached over 80,000 viewers. The 2023 ECE Symposium, *Advancing Inclusiveness in Early Childhood Education*, attracted a delegation of New Zealand presenters to attend in Nanjing along with 350 attendees in China. The livestream audience reached over 100,000. The Symposium has gained increased media coverage each year, increasing New Zealand education brand awareness in China.

## Objectives:

- Establish and grow connections between academics and education providers in the ECE field
- Share best practices from New Zealand ECE
- Hear from Chinese partners in the field of ECE

## Benefit to New Zealand participants

The Symposium is an important strand of Government to Government education cooperation and demonstrates the value of the event for the education sector in both China and New Zealand. Presenting at the ECE Symposium in person is valuable for New Zealand education providers as there are potential outcomes including undergraduate or postgraduate recruitment for ECE programmes, recognition of your education institution in the Chinese market, professional development training courses and research collaboration.

Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the ENZ China team.  
Email: [China@enz.govt.nz](mailto:China@enz.govt.nz)

**Event Landing Page with Draft Agenda:** [2024 Symposium - Education New Zealand - International \(mailchimpsites.com\)](#)

**Proposal Form attached for Reference – Please complete form online**  
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# Proposal Form: New Zealand - China Early Childhood Education Symposium 2024

## Call for Proposals

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**Date: Tuesday 3 December 2024**

**Theme:** *"Digital Transformation in Early Childhood Education."*

Successful presenters must present in person at the Symposium held at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand.

**Session proposals are due by 11:59pm Sunday 13 October 2024.**

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First and Last Name \*

Enter your answer

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Title: Doctor, Professor, Ms, Mr, etc. \*

Enter your answer

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Institution/Organisation \*

Enter your answer

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Role/Job Title \*

Enter your answer

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Email Address \*

Please enter an email

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WeChat ID

Enter your answer

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Mobile Number

Enter your answer

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Are you currently based in New Zealand? \*

Note, presenters for New Zealand should be currently based in New Zealand.

Yes

No

Other

### Co-Presenter Details



Fill out this section if applicable.

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Contact Details For Second Presenter: First and Last Name

Enter your answer

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Contact Details For Second Presenter: Title: Doctor, Professor, Ms, Mr. etc

Enter your answer

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Contact Details For Second Presenter: Institution / Organisation

Enter your answer

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Contact Details For Second Presenter: Role / Job

Enter your answer

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Contact Details For Second Presenter: Email address

Enter your answer

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Contact Details for Second Presenter: Are you currently based in New Zealand?

Note, presenters for New Zealand should be currently based in New Zealand.

Yes

No

Other

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Contact Details for Second Presenter: WeChat ID

Enter your answer

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Contact Details for Second Presenter: Mobile Number

Enter your answer

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Do you have more than 2 presenters? Please provide additional presenters' details (Name, institution, role, email, etc)

Enter your answer



\* Required

## Abstract & Session Outcomes



The theme of the Symposium is *"Digital Transformation in Early Childhood Education."*

Please select which session you are submitting a proposal for. There is 1 keynote address (1 speaker 20 minutes) and three Thematic Sessions (1-3 speakers, 10 minutes). If your abstract could be considered for different sessions (without changing the abstract) please select multiple sessions.

If you'd like to submit more than 1 abstract, please complete a separate Proposal Form. Limit three proposals per person.

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**Criterion 2: Alignment:** The alignment of the proposal with the Keynote or Thematic session topic selected.

**Criterion 3: Abstract:** The content of the abstract is interesting and applicable to the ECE Symposium.

**Criterion 4: Outcomes:** The learning objectives are clear, linked to topic and articulate relevance to the Chinese and New Zealand audience.

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Which session(s) are you submitting this proposal for? \*

- Keynote Speech: Digital transformation in early childhood education (20 minutes)
- Thematic Session 1: Issues and Potential for artificial intelligence in teachers' work in early childhood education (10 minutes)
- Thematic Session 2: Implementing digital technologies for assessment in early childhood education (10 minutes)
- Thematic Session 3: Digital transformation for communication and collaboration with families (10 minutes)
- Other

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Title of Presentation \*

Enter your answer

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Abstract [Maximum 200 word limit] \*

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Session Outcomes: What are the learning objectives? What will attendees learn from your session? How is your proposal relevant to the audience in both China and New Zealand? [Maximum 200 word limit] \*

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I/We understand that if this proposal is accepted, I/we must present in person at the Symposium held at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand and it is our responsibility to cover travel and accommodation costs. \*

Yes

No

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