

New Zealand office round-up

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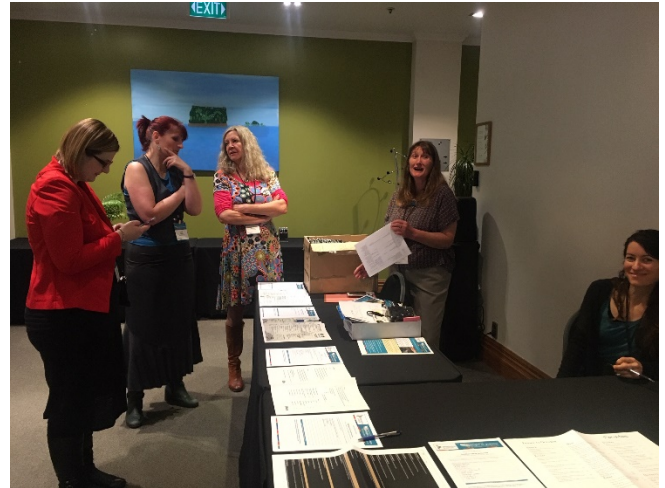


Kia ora koutou,

The **Spotlight on practice conference** was a real highlight for the team. It is fantastic (and a bit of a relief!) to see a year of planning turn into an event which people enjoy and get value from. It is also a chance for the whole Resolution Institute New Zealand team to spend time with the people that are the focus of our work. Putting faces to the names helps!

The focus of the conference was on learning and the programme was built around in-depth workshop sessions. We also included lots of opportunities to meet and engage with dispute resolution colleagues. In this increasingly virtual world the opportunity to get together and meet new people or re-connect, in person, is valuable.

Feedback on the conference has been really positive with just about everyone in the post conference evaluation rating the conference 'good' or 'excellent' and everyone supporting the approach of a practice focus and longer more in-depth workshops.



If you enjoyed the conference, or didn't make it this year, keep an eye out for conference 2019! We're working on the details now...

Straight after the conference we're into a very busy time for training. Our November mediation course in Wellington was full by August so we have two courses running in November! We also have a restorative justice facilitator induction course in Auckland in November.

A couple of members of the independent panel appointed to **review the family justice system** held a session at the Spotlight on practice conference, providing an opportunity for FDRPs to discuss their thoughts with the panel. Others will have met with the panel as they travel around NZ. Thank you to everyone who completed the survey providing input to assist Resolution Institute in preparing a formal submission for the panel. We also encourage members to make a submission. [Submissions are due on 9 November>>](#) We see the review as an important opportunity to reinforce the success of FDR mediation as an approach, and to refine some of the things in the system that haven't been working so well.

With input from a small group of members, Resolution Institute made a submission on the **Canterbury Earthquakes Insurance Tribunal Bill**. [See the submission here>>](#)

A reminder to please participate in the **member survey** being conducted by external research agency *beaton*. To continue to improve Resolution Institute services we need to hear how we are doing and what is important to you – and we need New Zealand voices too!

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