



Linking between
Art History, Visual Art, Dance, Drama and Music
English
Media Studies

Auckland Art Gallery's Schools Programme Coordinator Christa Napier-Robertson, and Auckland Secondary Art Teachers' Association Chairperson and Assistant Head of Art at Waitakere College Lee Devenish are excited to announce the inaugural ArtLinks Conference.

What is ArtLinks?

Dates: Friday 6th and Saturday 7th December, after NCEA exams have finished

Cost: \$80 + booking fee

Venue: Auckland Art Gallery

Keynote speakers: John Pule (ONZM), visual artist, novelist, poet; Vincent Ward (ONZM), visual artist, film maker

- A conference that will explore new learning possibilities through linking the Visual Arts across the curriculum with the other Arts, English and Media Studies, and beyond the curriculum with our wider creative communities
- A conference with a difference – participant-driven and co-constructed: you tell us what you want to have!
- A celebration of the rich experience and wide variety of skills that teachers bring to the table. You don't have to consider yourself an 'expert' to run a session, simply someone interested in learning more and sharing the floor!

Who is this event for?

- We know you will find ArtLinks inspiring and rewarding if you (like us) value the following: collaboration, participation, open conversations, curiosity, innovation, risk-taking, sharing actual experience, exploring new ideas and possibilities, asking questions
- You want to form, expand and strengthen professional connections across and beyond your specific subject area / area of work
- Secondary teachers working in Humanities-oriented subjects – specifically the Arts, English and Media Studies*. Also educational experts in these areas working outside school settings.

- People associated with the creative sectors – artists from various disciplines, arts administrators, community-based organisations, business leaders and others with an interest in working with young people.

What will I gain from participating in *ArtLinks*?

- The opportunity to meet, discuss ideas and plan new approaches with a wide variety of teachers and educational experts from your and other subject areas, and people associated with the creative sectors
- Sessions will be focused on providing teachers with useable 'take-away' ideas to use in the classroom
- Morning teas, and drinks and nibbles on Friday!

What is the general format?

- A keynote session each morning
- During the day, themed sessions / discussions including some practical sessions (hands-on / hi-tech), opportunities to create plans or resources to use in the classroom
- A limited number of open slot sessions to be filled during the day in the style of an 'unconference'**

How are session themes decided, and when will we be able to view these?

- You will have the opportunity to share your ideas on what you would like to talk about in the themed sessions through a survey (possible topics will be suggested, but you are welcome to add to these).
- All session details will be announced in the last week of October.

Who runs the themed sessions / discussions?

- Most sessions will be led by teacher participants. A limited number of sessions will be run by Gallery staff. Selected participants will be approached and asked if they are comfortable facilitating a particular session.

What are the requirements and structures for how these are run?

- Sessions are required to have a clear structure
- Possible structures for running sessions could include – facilitating the discussion of a raised question to work on as a group; sharing something from your teaching practice, then opening up the floor for others to share; running a session that you have already tried in the classroom
- All sessions are required to give attendees the opportunity to contribute
- Part of each session must focus on how people will be able to use this in class / or in their own work (for those outside of school settings)

Contact:

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* We recommend sending two or more staff members, in order to encourage ongoing conversation back at school

**An 'unconference' is a participant-driven event. Rather than inviting people to attend a conference where everything has been decided by others in advance (the speakers, the content, the timetable, the spaces etc), an unconference emerges out of the strengths and interests of the people who attend. Session topics are decided as the conference happens.