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Dear early childhood colleague,

'Inspire' Professional Learning for Teachers – in conjunction with Margie Carter from Harvest Resources, is pleased to present information regarding a study tour to Auckland, New Zealand from Sunday 21st – Friday 26th February 2010. The draft itinerary for the week is below and we know you will have a wonderful time in our country participating in this focused professional learning opportunity that includes visits to a number of cutting edge early childhood centres. Margie will be your study tour guide during the week and she will provide mentoring and guidance. **This study tour is restricted to only 16 people but will require 10 registrants to proceed. Please confirm with Margie before making travel bookings.**

The cost of the study tour is \$1650.US, (As of 20 June 09. There may be some slight adjustment depending on the exchange rate). Accommodation will be in Auckland at Vaughan Park Retreat - a beautiful setting at Long Bay on the North Shore of Auckland. The beach nearby provides a serene atmosphere and the pleasant accommodation facilities are very comfortable. The food is homemade and of a high quality. The helpful staff are only too happy to cater for individual dietary needs. You might like to view online at: <http://vaughanpark.org.nz>.

Registration costs include: Five nights accommodation; Sunday – Thursday, share twin. There are single rooms available on a first in first served basis at an extra cost of \$100.US. Group pick up and drop off on Sunday and Friday from/to central Auckland location or airport. All meals, transport to venues, centre visits, presentations, Sunday introduction tour and Friday afternoon debriefing costs are included.

Registration does not include: Airfares, insurance, personal items, phone calls, social costs etc.

You might consider taking time out to see our beautiful country before or after the study tour. We recommend visiting the Bay of Islands, Rotorua, Queenstown or Christchurch.

If you would like to participate in this study tour, please complete the following registration form with your deposit and send to:

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Kind Regards

Chris Bayes

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Inspire is a charitable trust promoting professional learning opportunities for teachers.

Sunday 21st – Friday 26th February 2010

The following is the draft itinerary

- Sunday: Pick up from central location or airport
Sky Tower for brunch
Followed by a tiki tour – Museum for Maori welcome, Mt Eden, Devonport etc.
- Monday: Presentations and discussion
The NZ cultural context
The Principles of Te Whaariki: The NZ early childhood curriculum
Learning stories; sharing children's footsteps on the path of learning
- Tuesday: Centre visits
Awhi Whanau Centre
Lunch at the Botanic Gardens
Visit Omana kindergarten set in a multicultural setting
Visit a Pasifika centre
- Wednesday: Am: The morning will be given over for completing group tasks, reflections and facilitated conversation – Margie to facilitate
Pm: Visit to Mt Roskill Kindergarten
5.30 Tots Corner visit – Dinner
Presentation and viewing
- Thursday: Centre Visits
A'oga Faa Samoa – Ritimana Kohanga Reo
Lunch/shop in Browns Bay
Pm; Half group to Browns Bay / Magic Garden
Swap groups around
- Friday: 9.00 – 11.00: Overview of week, group discussions,
11.00 Tiki tour to Warkworth - Matakana region – lunch, wine tasting, art, beach.
Transport provided – *other expenses will be the individuals*
- 4.00 Transfer to central location – airport etc.
Accommodation costs not covered: