



SPACE NZ Trust

Annual Report 2011

Chairperson's Report 2011

Welcome to the first annual report of the SPACE NZ Trust. It is wonderful to report on the continuing success and development of SPACE, even in these difficult financial times.

It has been a fantastic achievement by the Hutt Playcentre Association to create and develop SPACE to point where it is a nationally, and even internationally, recognised programme. But it became apparent in recent years that a Playcentre Association is not the ideal vehicle to carry the burden of governing a rapidly evolving programme like SPACE. So, after considering various options, the SPACE NZ Trust was created on 20 October 2010. Winston Churchill might have called this the end of the beginning.

Since then the six initial trustees have been busy implementing the new structure. This has included housekeeping matters like registering with the Charities Commission, taking over the assets and operation of SPACE, employing staff, and confirming the funding arrangements. A manual of governance policies and management procedures is also being created.

However, the most important task has been learning about each other and how to work together using our wide range of skills and experience. We carried out a strategic planning exercise earlier in the year. The financial sustainability of SPACE is an important focus, and we have several exciting options to strengthen this and develop into new areas.

A major feature of SPACE is collaboration. It is not just a component of the programme and how the Trust forms partnerships with other organisations, but is reflected in the internal teamwork that has made SPACE the tremendous success that it now is. We are very grateful to our manager Leanne Dawson for the

hard work and skill she has brought to reorganising the team under the trust umbrella, and ensuring there was no interruption to the assistance provided to those who deliver the programme nationwide. The Trust is now supporting Leanne as she undertakes a Graduate Diploma in Not-for-profit Management at Unitec. This is particularly useful because it includes assignments focussing directly on the work she is doing for the trust.

Thank you very much to all our supporters, staff, partner organisations, and everyone who is working so well to implement our vision of "SPACE in every place".

**Andy Soper and Truus Dingemans
on behalf of the Trust Board.**

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The SPACE programme was originally designed, developed and delivered within the Hutt Playcentre Association in 2003. Following the successful establishment of the programme in the Hutt Valley, the programme was then launched nationwide to Playcentre Associations and other community organisations. In October 2010, the SPACE NZ Trust was formed to act as the governing body of SPACE. SPACE NZ Trust is a not-for-profit organisation and is registered with the Charities Commission.

The vision of the Trust is:

He wāhi i ngā wāhi katoa -
SPACE in every place

Our purpose is to:

- Provide communities across Aotearoa/New Zealand with access to SPACE.
- Strengthen families/ whānau through the provision of quality parenting support and early childhood experiences for infants.

We aim to:

- Support families and communities so that every child has the opportunity to thrive.
- Promote the family as being central to a community's well-being.
- Have SPACE programmes accessible to all New Zealanders through collaborative partnerships with national and local organisations.

National team

Under the new SPACE NZ Trust structure, the national team has flourished. This structure has provided the team with strategic direction and the ability to explore and collaborate with a diverse range of organisations that support SPACE, both locally and nationally.

SPACE Partners

The number of SPACE partners delivering the SPACE programme has risen to 25. There has been an increase in the number of programmes being delivered, currently standing at 115. Nationally, 299 programmes have been completed since 2003. There continues to be a steady growth and interest in the programme as organisations recognise the benefits and successful outcomes the programme offers their communities.

SPACE partners currently delivering programmes include:

NZ Playcentre

- 18 NZ Playcentre Associations

Faith Based Groups

- Holy Trinity Anglican Church (Tauranga)
- Wanganui Central Baptist Kindergarten (Wanganui)
- Elim Early Learning Centre Trust (Christchurch)
- Anglican Care Auckland (Birkdale/ Beach Haven Anglican, Pakuranga Anglican, Papakura Anglican)
- Rainbow Preschool (Dunedin)

Other Community Groups:

- EFFECT Trust (Rotorua)
- WestREAP (Hokitika)
- Great Start Taita (Barnardos) (Lower Hutt)

Collaborative Projects:

- SPACE NZ Trust is working collaboratively with Great Start Taita and Te Umiumiga PAFT Educators (Lower Hutt) to deliver SPACE in Taita
- SPACE NZ Trust, PAFT, Plunket, SKIP, Barnardos and the Anglican Diocese of Auckland are working on a collaborative project to deliver SPACE in the Pakuranga, Papakura and Northshore region.

SPACE Resources

“ We ... LOVE delivering the SPACE Programme. As a Centre it is very important for us to build relationships with OUR families. This programme has enabled us to open our doors wider to a whole new group of Mums, in and around our area.... “SPACE” provides the whole programme within the manuals, this makes it so easy to run, and is very easily tweaked to be able to add our own special Rainbow touches ... ”

Wendy Anne from Rainbow Preschool, South Dunedin

The SPACE national team has worked diligently to develop a range of resources to support partners setting up and delivering the programme.

For example, in collaboration with TessaRose Productions, the national team has produced the *Swinging Stars*, *Rocking Rockets* CDs, and *Guide* as a music resource for SPACE facilitators and SPACE parents.

The national team has also thoroughly revised the *SPACE Curriculum-Facilitators Journey*. This has been distributed to facilitators and has been well received. Updated brochures, leaflets, flags, and other promotional material have also been produced.

Improvements have been made to the Treasure Baskets, including Treasure Basket cards to provide a better quality product for SPACE partners and a revised promotional DVD has been produced to better reflect the diversity of SPACE delivery.

The SPACE website has been upgraded to include access to the Management and Operations on-line. We have also begun implementing

some initial changes to the website to simplify site navigation for parents and SPACE partners.

The team continue to be responsive in the development and sourcing of new resources that will support our SPACE partners.

“ Coming from an early childhood background myself I have been amazed at how my 3 year granddaughter can keep pace with doing the actions of the song and singing along – to the point she is teaching her baby sister. Other children’s CD’s we use move too fast for her to keep up with. The *Rocking Rockets* is her favourite CD and gets played every day. ”

Grandparent, 2011



SPACE Referral Organisations

The SPACE team has continued to enlarge its network of contacts by working alongside community groups and organisations that are paramount in promoting SPACE and referring parents to local SPACE programmes. These groups and organisations cover a wide range of services, including (but not limited to); Plunket, PAFT, Parent Centre, Maternal Mental Health, SKIP champions, midwives, local churches community nurses, community doctors, antenatal groups, etc.

SPACE Participants

Over 1400 parents and babies are currently attending SPACE programmes across new Zealand. Approximately 3800 parents and babies have participated in SPACE since 2003.

SPACE Facilitators

The national team has trained around 111 new SPACE facilitators and support people from a diverse range of organisations. Our SPACE facilitators are passionate and recognise strongly the value the programme brings in supporting families in our communities.

“the SPACE programme has the potential to actually heighten the status of parents, it builds communities...it connects people, it connects parents and it's just a very healthy approach to families and communities.”

Sarah Te One, (Victoria University, SPACE NZ Trustee)
FROM VIDEO FOOTAGE

“SPACE has been a positive experience for all of us; it helped affirm the importance of my role as a parent in my baby's life.”

(SPACE Parent)

SPACE Funders

The SPACE NZ Trust is extremely grateful to our loyal funding providers, SKIP (Ministry of Social Development) and the Tindall Foundation, who not only provide financial assistance to the Trust, but also expertise, support and advocacy. We are also grateful to have received the Working Together More Fund, which has enabled the team to strengthen our ongoing collaborative project in the Auckland region.

“... SPACE celebrates the miracle that babies are and supports the strengthening of families. It is fantastic being part of a National Programme that is well known, loved & recommended by all that attend.”

Delaine from Wonderbabies, Christchurch



Future Directions

Currently, there are a number of really exciting prospects ahead. To ensure success in future endeavours the Trust has worked hard to finalise a strategic direction that focuses on the establishment and strengthening of sustainable structures for local and regional partnering models.

We would like to use these models to increase the number of SPACE partners delivering SPACE throughout New Zealand.

One such model is the potential development of a Family SPACE programme. This aims to benefit working parents, provide an opportunity for families to attend together with their infants, and more specifically to involve fathers.

The national team is also investigating some innovative funding models that engage local businesses to support SPACE in their region. The team is also designing a specialised database to incorporate a range of components such as; training data, SPACE participants, and a donation element.

Finally, the national team will continue to develop the quality national facilitator training programme.



Thank you

The SPACE NZ Trust would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and acknowledgement to all those who have been involved in SPACE; our SPACE partners, funders, referral groups, SPACE co-ordinators, SPACE facilitators and all SPACE families.

“SPACE provides the “well being capital” for babies and mums to flourish. In SPACE this “well being capital” is grown by engagement with others, a sense of purpose and a good measure of Learning, Laughter and Love (the “3 Ls”).”

Dr M. Huthwaite
(Psychiatrist, SPACE NZ Trustee)



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