

## Ministry of Education: 'the education conversation'

The Minister of Education wanted to hear from a wide range of New Zealanders about the future of the education system – for early learning, schooling and tertiary, and lifelong learning. So the New Zealand Ministry of Education used Citizen Space to run a national 'Education Conversation' online.

Huge numbers of people took the opportunity to get involved and have their say – including more than 16,000 people engaging directly in the NCEA Review (with more than a quarter of responses coming from young people). Following the consultation, the Ministry of Education have declared their intention to 'work with our Ministerial and Professional Advisory Groups to bring together what we've heard, to further test ideas for change, and to look at what a high-performing assessment system should look like in a New Zealand context.'

"Now is the chance for all New Zealanders to have their say on building a schooling system that meets the needs of all students, educators and parents, and that is fit for purpose for the 21st century. The Taskforce will lead the consultation, and report on the results. The Government will make decisions on implementing the review."