



## CALL FOR PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

*The planning committee for Trusting Partnerships conference announces a call for papers and presentations from individuals and groups who might wish to contribute to our knowledge and experience in this area.*

### **Purpose**

**The conference is seeking to promote a deeper understanding of:**

- The need for and impact of authentic partnerships in professional / client relationships
- The impact of power differential on effective service
- The potential abuse when relationships go wrong

### **Proposal Deadline**

Interested parties are invited to submit a brief proposal to be received not later than **5pm, Friday 9th May 2008**.

### **Proposal Content**

**The proposal content must be linked to the theme of the conference including:**

- The principles underlying effective professional / client relationships
- The impact of right relationships on service quality and effectiveness
- The consequences when professional / client relationships go wrong

**Papers and presentations can include:**

- Personal stories and experiences, including those from disabled people, caregivers and families
- Research
- Best practice approaches
- Theoretical perspectives and principles

and any topic that will advance greater understanding of what is required for trusting partnerships to emerge within professional practices.

## CONFIRMED KEY NOTE SPEAKERS

### **Ann and Rud Turnbull**

Ann and Rud are both Professors in the Kansas Department of Special Education and Co-Directors of the Beach Center on Disability at the University of Kansas. The Beach Center is a permanent unit of The University of Kansas, a major international center for research and other scholarship, teaching, learning, and service to the citizens of Kansas, the United States of America, and people throughout the world.

Ann and Rud are the parents of a son with a disability and are widely published authors, including the authors of "Families, Professionals and Exceptionality" (see [www.beachcenter.org](http://www.beachcenter.org))

### **Michael J. Kendrick PhD.**

Michael is well known internationally for his work on the promotion and development of right relationship. He has a reputation as an international leader in areas including service quality, leadership, the creation of safeguards for vulnerable persons, social integration, alternatives to bureaucracy, personalised approaches to supporting people, and reform in the human service field amongst others. He has most consistently worked in the disability, mental health and aged care fields for nearly thirty years.

(See [www.kendrickconsulting.org](http://www.kendrickconsulting.org))

Further information about presenters will be advised on completion of the Call for Papers process in early June 2008.

## **Registration**

*Registrations will be available in early June 2008*

## SELECTION OF PRESENTATIONS

*The conference committee will review all proposals submitted by the due date/time.*

**Proposals will be selected by these criteria:**

- Relevance to the conference theme
- Clarity of abstract
- Ability to address the breadth and scope of the conference audience

Full consideration will be given to all abstracts. However, not all abstracts will be able to be accommodated within the limitations of the conference.

Everyone who submits a proposal will be notified of the status of the proposal by 19th May 2008.

### **Presenters' Costs**

All conference presenters are required to register for the conference and to cover their own costs, including registration, travel and accommodation.

### **Proposal Format**

**Proposals submitted should:**

- not exceed 350 words
- emphasise two or three key points that you wish to address
- ensure that there is an explicit link to the conference theme

### **Submit a Proposal**

**You may submit a proposal by one of the following means:**

- By Fax to (09) 262 5371
- By Post to **P O Box 23 725  
Hunters Corner  
Manukau 2155**
- Via the website [www.imaginebetter.co.nz](http://www.imaginebetter.co.nz)