

The Educational Imagination  
In a changing world what kind of education do we need for  
what kind of people?



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# International Measures and Success

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- PISA
- TIMMS
- IEA Reading Literacy Study
- Teacher Quality
- Early Childhood Education



# Confusion and Doubt

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- How to teach boys
- Māori under-achievement
- Pasifika under-achievement
- Lower socio-economic students
- Literacy and numeracy
- Where's Shakespeare?
- NCEA
- Standards
- Discipline
- Homework



# Educational Imagination

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## C. Wright Mills and the Sociological Imagination

### Biography and history

- What kind of society?
- What is driving change?
- What kinds of people thrive in this society?



# The Knowledge Society

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- An economic resource
- Manuel Castells – defined not by what it is but what it does
- Jean-François Lyotard - Performativity



# Change

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- Technology
- Science & Research
- Climate Change
- Economic crisis
- Globalisation
- Jobs
- Migration



# What kind of person will succeed?

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- Critical thinker
- Self managing
- Adaptable
- Confident risk takers
- Collaborative
- Creative and innovative
- Users of knowledge
- Life-long learners



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# What is your image of Education?



# Images of Education

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- Survival of the fittest
- Equality of opportunity
- Equality of outcomes



# Is this the Education We Need for the people we need?

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- Everyone needs “higher order” knowledge and thinking skills
- Life-long learners
- Innovative problem-solvers
- Self-regulated
- Collaborative



# Personalised Learning

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- PL involves thinking about knowledge as an active process.
- Students get to be informed, active participants in their own learning.
- They contribute to decisions about what learning works best for them and they understand how they are progressing.
- Construction and Co-construction.



# Personalising learning – David Hargreaves

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- Deep learning
- Deep experience
- Deep support
- Deep leadership



# Does New Zealand do This?

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- Curriculum
- Effective teaching
- Evidence based
- Formative assessment
- School organisation
- Engagement of community
- Leadership
- New Technology



# Resistance to change

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- Ranking
- Instruction
- Exams
- Classes
- Standardisation
- Failure
- League tables



# Educational Leadership

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- Kiwi Leadership Model
- Educational Imagination
- Showing what works
- Working with people to achieve change
- Professionalisation



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