

Universal Design for Learning (UDL): Inspiring & Empowering Every Learner

Light up your teaching practice with Dr Katie Novak at this all-new workshop proudly hosted by Illume Learning!

Get ready to inspire and empower every learner with Universal Design for Learning (UDL). Whether you're teaching in classrooms or leading professional development, this session is packed with bright ideas to help you design and deliver instruction that builds learner agency for ALL students while maintaining alignment with curriculum expectations.

As schools across Aotearoa New Zealand navigate curriculum and assessment changes, educators are increasingly asking: How can we meet diverse learner needs while still honouring the integrity of the curriculum? Throughout the day, Katie will explore practical ways to implement UDL within existing curriculum frameworks, helping teachers create flexible pathways to learning without compromising rigorous learning goals.

Explore the latest UDL shifts, discover how AI tools can supercharge your teaching, and create flexible, inclusive, and engaging learning environments that emphasize student-led workflows.

New to UDL? You'll leave inspired and equipped.

Seen Katie before? This year's session brings fresh content, hot-off-the-press resources, practical applications for curriculum implementation, and hands-on strategies you'll want to take back to your school immediately.

This session models UDL in action with inspiring stories, fun analogies, and ready-to-use resources to build more inclusive systems, scale the UDL magic, and empower learners to take the lead. Perfect for educators and leaders, this is your chance to reimagine teaching, strengthen curriculum implementation, level up professional development, and ignite innovative practices that transform learning.

Katie is an internationally renowned education consultant, author, and educator with 20 years of experience in teaching and administration, an earned doctorate in curriculum and teaching, and twelve published books.



DR KATIE NOVAK

Where and When?

AUCKLAND

**27th July 2026
8:30am-3:30pm**

Hilton Auckland
147 Quay Street,
Auckland

Who Should Attend?

- Teachers
- Teaching Assistants
- Head of Inclusion / Special Education
- Principals and Deputy Principals
- Anyone passionate about UDL

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WORKSHOP PROGRAM

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

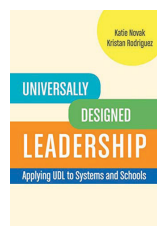
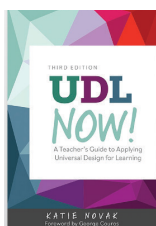
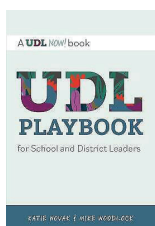
- **Illuminate** the latest shifts in Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and how they foster inclusive, student-centered classrooms.
- **Discover** how AI tools can act as a creative spark plugs to ignite student agency and innovation.
- **Apply** practical, flexible strategies that light the way toward designing inclusive learning experiences for all students.

REGISTRATION

Registration includes:

- 5.5 hours of professional development
- Certificate of attendance
- Workshop resources
- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea

	per person
In-person general registration	\$549NZD
In-person groups 5+	\$509NZD



Don't miss an opportunity to have your book signed by Dr Katie Novak. A limited number of Dr Novak's books will be available for purchase at events.

8:00am - 8:30am	Registration
8:30am - 10:30am	Igniting Innovations: What's New and Next in UDL Explore the latest developments in Universal Design for Learning and discover how emerging trends are reshaping inclusive education. As schools implement curriculum and assessment changes, Katie will unpack practical ways to apply UDL within existing curriculum frameworks, demonstrating how educators can maintain fidelity to curriculum expectations while providing flexible pathways for learner success. Through real-world examples and bold new approaches to learner agency, you'll discover what's new, what's next, and what's possible.
10:30am - 10:45am	Morning tea
10:45am - 12:30pm	From Spark to Strategy: A Bright New Framework for UDL + AI Learn how to integrate AI tools into your UDL practice with purpose and creativity. Explore a practical framework for unpacking curriculum expectations, identifying opportunities for flexibility, and designing learning experiences that support learner variability while maintaining rigorous learning goals. You'll discover how AI can help educators analyse curriculum requirements, expand opportunities for engagement and expression, and enhance student voice, choice, and independence.
12:30pm - 1:15pm	Lunch
1:15pm - 2:15pm	Radiate & Co-Create: Shifting the Spotlight to Student-Led Learning This session dives into strategies for fostering student-led workflows, co-designing learning experiences, and building systems that centre learners as active creators. Drawing on curriculum-aligned examples, you'll explore practical ways to increase learner agency while ensuring all students can meaningfully engage with core learning outcomes. Walk away with tools to embed student agency into every stage of teaching and learning.
2:15pm - 2:30pm	Afternoon tea
2:30pm - 3:30pm	Firecracker Finish: Bringing the Spark Home to Your School Wrap up with high-impact takeaways and practical ideas to share with your school or team. This energising final session brings the day's learning together, helping you connect UDL, curriculum implementation, and learner agency into a coherent approach that can be applied immediately within your context. Leave feeling inspired, confident, and ready to lead change.

To register, visit: www.illumelarning.com.au/events