

# Work-Integrated Learning International Conference 2023

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## 2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SUCCESS!



"I really enjoyed the conference. It was a lovely small, but mighty group! I did come away with lots of learnings, and lots to think about. I look forward to connecting again"

Jennifer McCann  
Deakin University

The 2023 WILNZ Conference was held at Te Pae Convention Centre in rooms overlooking leafy Victoria Square. From the meeting spaces, delegates were able to appreciate the unique view and connect with Ōtautahi | Christchurch City Centre.

Despite its large scale, Te Pae lent itself to creating an intimate event which helped delegates foster a real sense of community. Delegates came away feeling connected and inspired by the largest contingent of delegates and papers ever presented.

Presenters offered key insights from variety of perspectives regarding their Work-Integrated Learning scholarship and practice, the highlights of which are available in the WILNZ Conference Proceedings.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2024 conference hosted by Victoria University Wellington.

**110 DELEGATES;**  
over 50% joining a WILNZ International Conference for the first time.



Delegates from Australia, New Zealand and Switzerland.

**42 presentations**  
over 2 days

Christchurch Art Gallery hosted a pre-dinner tour of the Perilous exhibition, with dinner held at The Thirsty Peacock.

"WIL is on the rise and the WILNZ Conference in Christchurch was a testament to the growing interest in WIL. It was inspiring to take part in such a well-attended event with diverse representation across sectors and industries."

Carine Stewart  
Victoria University

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Dr. Rod Carr**  
Chair of Climate Change  
Commission

**Tracey Cotter-Martin**  
Associate Director: Futures, Insights  
+ Experience, Datacom

### 2023 CONFERENCE THEMES

The Conference weaved together a variety of themes addressing both the theoretical direction and practical implementation of work-integrated learning as it applies across post-secondary institutions and industry. Particularly resonant were themes related to best ways to support student wellbeing and inclusivity as well as:

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- The future of work and learning
- Strategies to help partners better uphold inclusive WIL practices
- Reflection practices
- Balancing bespoke WIL experiences with employability skills
- Inter and Multi- disciplinary approaches to WIL
- Aligning with UN Sustainable Development Goals
- Benefits, drawback, ethical and legal considerations of unpaid WIL placements.
- Emerging qualification trends and opportunities to think of WIL differently

"The first keynote Rod Carr was a great choice, and I think set an appropriate tone for the Conference with his "Call to Arms" and clever discussion that wove WIL into having a role in climate change action and the need for talent to be deployed sooner!"

Dr Sarah Briant – Queensland  
University of Technology

