

Leading Powerful Learning: Supporting Diversity through Adaptive Expertise

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Education systems around the world are calling for transformative change to meet the challenges of a rapidly-changing, technology-enhanced environment in the context of increasing diversity and inequality in society. However doing things in new ways requires more than the acquisition of new skills and knowledge, it also requires new mindsets and dispositions. This seminar will focus on a five-year New Zealand research study which identified the importance of developing adaptive expertise in leadership and professional learning. The development of adaptive expertise was associated with positive learning outcomes for diverse students. Adaptive expertise is characterised by flexible and novel responses in highly complex situations. This seminar will focus on how educational leaders and professional development facilitators can develop adaptive expertise in order to meet the needs of diverse learners in a complex world.