



Footprints on the Journey of Adoption

4-6 June 2010, Auckland

A weekend of presentations for adoptive parents, young adult adopted persons, and professionals

Would you like to spend a weekend with people who REALLY understand what it is to be an intercountry adoptive family? To share the laughter of common experiences, the woes and challenges, the joys and triumphs?

Treat yourself; come and join us this Queen's Birthday weekend!

If your children are grown up now—listen to young adults reflect on their life as an intercountry adoptee, learn about adoptive grandparenting, share the wisdom you have gained over the years with younger parents, meet up and reminisce with those who adopted when you did, all those years ago in Romania, Russia, Ukraine, China, Fiji, South America or elsewhere.

If you are in the middle of the challenging years—receive encouragement from other parents and hear words of wisdom from all the experts.

If you are just starting out on this wonderful journey, or considering adoption— be inspired and learn.

If you were adopted yourself from overseas and now a young adult— hear other young adults share their experiences of adoption, tracing birth parents, becoming parents, share your own experiences if you wish to, and much much more.

If you are a social worker, counselor or psychologist working with adoption— learn from other professionals and hear the voices of those who live the experience of intercountry adoption.

Special sessions and social event for young adult and teen adopted persons on Saturday 5 June

Where: Waipuna Hotel and Conference Centre, 58 Waipuna Road, Mount Wellington, Auckland.

Keynote Workshops and Presentations

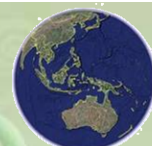
Jayne Schooler, based in the USA, is a well known adoption speaker, author and trainer. Jayne's passion for over 25 years has been the training and education of adoption and foster care professionals and families. She has been a featured presenter at numerous state and national conferences, and is an award-winning recipient for her work as a child welfare trainer.



Jayne and her husband were foster parents in Ohio for eight years before adopting their foster child Ray, at the age of 16. They also have a daughter Kristy. The couple has recently spent many months in Kyrgyzstan working with orphanages, and training local social workers in child development and attachment. Jayne has written the well known books *The Whole Life Adoption Book*, *Searching for a Past*, *Telling the truth to Your Foster or Adopted Child* and *Journeys after Adoption*, and the most recent book, *Wounded Children, Healing Homes: How Traumatized Children Impact Adoptive and Foster Families*. These will be available to purchase.



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Jayne's presentations will include

Ten Factors of Success for Healthy Adoptive Families: Taking a look at communication dynamics within the adoptive family and outside the family.

What's Inside an Adopted Teen? Navigating the teen years can be a challenge and when the layer of adoption is placed on top of that, it can create more issues. Key issues faced by adopted teens and strategies to move through these years with understanding.

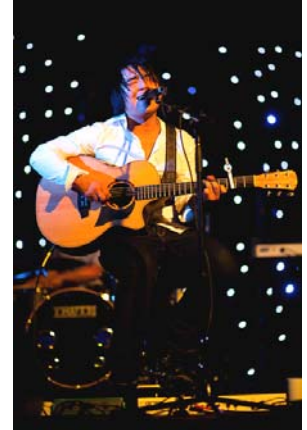
Preparing Your Children to Talk About Their Adoption. Will empower both parents and children to answer questions from friends, community, etc about their adoption.

The Power of Unmet Expectations: Presents ten common expectations offered experienced by prospective or new adoptive parents and suggests ways to readjust those expectations.

Matt Purcell was adopted from South Korea and grew up in Australia.

Matt is a talented musician signed with a major record label. He has spoken and performed for thousands. His life story of being adopted, along with his musical ability bring to life many issues for his audiences, touching and connecting with everyone.

Matt will bring to us the voice of the intercountry and trans-racially adopted young adult with powerful and heartfelt messages for adopted young people as well as their adoptive parents.



Other speakers will present sessions on

- What it is like to adopt older children from Lithuania.
- The experiences of those who have adopted children from Thailand and the Philippines and parenting children of a different ethnicity to you.
- How others have located birth relatives in Russia, Romania, and their experiences of contacting or meeting those relatives.
- Openness in intercountry adoption.
- Building secure, resilient adoptive families.
- How to help a child affected by Fetal Alcohol Related Disorders.
- How to recognize and help a child with learning difficulties.
- The reorganization of the adoption system in India.
- When adoptees become parents, and adoptive parents become grandparents—the next generation. And more ...

Comments from the last conference

A potentially life changing conference!

Great to have the opportunity to network with other parents! Lots of good learning opportunities.

I will certainly be coming to the next one and spreading the word on how valuable it was.

Speakers were exceptional and very relevant, venue great, organisation superb; thanks to all involved.

The topics were useful, highly relevant, positive and encouraging, well done!

DON'T MISS OUT THIS TIME. JOIN US FOR THIS VALUABLE EXPERIENCE!

See further details and REGISTER on line at www.icanz.gen.nz

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