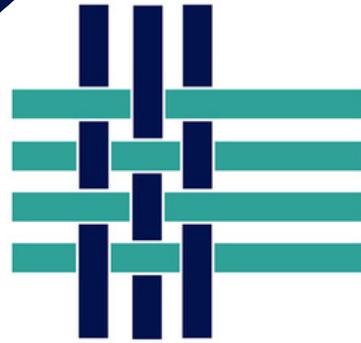


Trudy Freeman



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Speaker Bio:



Trudy is the Director of International Students at Carmel College. Previously, she was the Director of International Students and the head of ESL at Greenhithe School.

Ensuring students become Global Citizens is a priority in the New Zealand International Education Strategy and it is embedded within the New Zealand curriculum. Education's New Zealand's goal for all students is to gain the knowledge, skills and capabilities they need to live, work and learn globally. This means equipping students with the knowledge, skills and understanding needed to interact effectively in a global and cross cultural environment.

Education New Zealand made available scholarships for teachers and students to undertake the Global Citizen Competence certificate. The course was designed to prepare and activate future leaders, global citizens and changemakers. It was one of the most inspirational learning experiences Trudy had ever undertaken, and she has some remarkable adventures and accomplishments in the past.

From saving whales in Scotland, cleaning up the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska, building log cabins for the forestry commission in a remote location only accessible by three days tramping or seaplane, being a youth counsellor to underprivileged children in New York and helping orphans in Poland. Without realising it, before the global citizenship course commenced, Trudy was already on her global competency journey. She began teaching English to refugees and asylum seekers, as well as new migrants and discovered wonderful learning opportunities to explore with her students at Greenhithe School, and now the students at Carmel College.

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