

## **Opening address by Trish Hunt**

***Founder of the renowned Nurturing the Future parenting programme on the West Coast, recipient of the Every Child Counts Award and Brainwave presenter***

*Trish's Nurturing the Future programme is one of the few in the country successfully countering New Zealand's poor record in the area of child neglect and abuse. A passionate advocate for children and families, she will talk about her work with hard-to-reach parents and how she is making a difference by helping them form self-supporting communities. She challenges those in early childhood to join her at become better advocates and supporters of parents and children.*