

Become a Member

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Preferential Membership Rates for Events

Play Aotearoa provides a number of opportunities for members to meet and share experiences with other professionals. This includes regional event programmes for a wide range of meetings, networking events, special interest groups, discussion groups, seminars, workshops and informal Café Connects.

Play Aotearoa provide a variety of National conferences and events:

- Preferential Members rates for all Regional and National events
- Local Networking events
- Special Interest Groups (SIGs)
- Conferences & Summits
- Special Industry Events

Professional Development & Recognition

Our Professional Development Programme of courses, seminars and webinars helps members at all levels of experience and expertise to develop the skills and knowledge they need for effective professional practice and to keep up to date with the latest trends in play.

- Preferential Member rates to Professional Development which includes courses and webinars
- Internationally benchmarked with World IPA best practices

Source of Professional Information and Publications

Play professionals must have the resources to keep themselves and their colleagues informed of trends and developments in this critical sector. Play Aotearoa's publications and information services contribute to your knowledge and information base.

- Monthly members email
- Members Playbox - including Knowledge Base, resources, guides and tools
- Access to our international publications from partner IPA organisations
- Research, Remuneration Surveys, and Retention & Engagement Surveys
- Social Media Forums

Further Benefits include

- A 50% discount on individual membership for staff from organisational members
- Free Play Advice from one of our Play Specialists*
- Discounts from our partners
- Access to our Play Partners Directory
- Strategic Alliances with a range of associations and organisations, both within New Zealand and Internationally
- Play Aotearoa belongs to IPA World and has close links with professional membership institutes around the world. Introductions can be provided for members seeking information or contacts in other countries, or Play Aotearoa can make enquiries on your behalf.

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Estimated Membership Value

For those who prefer to quantify the benefits from a Play Aotearoa membership, the following are a few examples of the benefits of your membership.

Membership benefits

Monthly issues of Play Aotearoa straight to your inbox	\$165.60
Free Play Advice	\$250.00
Discounts at national partners	Your Estimate
Access to members only area full of relevant resources and research	\$1,000.00
Access to webinars at the members only rate	Up to 50% off
Discounts on selected Play Aotearoa workshops	Up to 50% off
Professional development courses	Discount for members
Access to national and international research reports	Up to \$1000 savings
Time saved by using Play Aotearoa Guides	Your estimate
Opportunities for professional recognition via Play Aotearoa Badge Recognition Programme	Your estimate
Opportunities for involvement with regional and national sub-committees	Priceless
Play Aotearoa Membership Value	\$2,415.60+

Membership Plans

<p>Individual Standard Individual members*</p> <p>\$85 NZD/year includes GST</p> <p>1 yr subscription with automatic renewal and recurring payments</p>	<p>Organisational Bronze Less than 20 employees</p> <p>\$150 NZD/year + GST</p> <p>1 yr subscription with automatic renewal and recurring payments</p>	<p>Organisational Silver 21-99 employees</p> <p>\$250 NZD/year + GST</p> <p>1 yr subscription with automatic renewal and recurring payments</p>	<p>Organisational Gold 100+ employees</p> <p>\$550 NZD/year + GST</p> <p>1 yr subscription with automatic renewal and recurring payments</p>
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*Most members fall into this category. Individual Members are usually people who spend most of their time working in the play sector, or teaching/researching play. They're usually activators, practitioners or academics and can be at any level in their career. Individual membership is also open to parents and caregivers raising children and young people.