

Pearl Naulder

Pearl started off her professional life as an Occupational Therapist in England managing several Mental Health Centres, at the same time completing an honours degree in Psychology. This led to a post graduate qualification in teaching and a rest- of- life quest to enable students to progress in the most enabling environments.

Pearl has taught in both the UK and NZ teaching students from age two and a half years (Montessori) to adult as a private tutor, a classroom teacher, a specialist teacher (GATE and Special Needs), a relief teacher and a Home School 'Mum'. She has five children (all highly gifted) and twelve grandchildren, every one of them keeping very much alive her personal passion for the area of twice exceptionality.

Pearl and family have lived in New Zealand for more than twenty five years.

Pearl, along with her husband, was for some years an active member and local committee member of England's National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) and, was pleased to find a very active and effective NZAGC here in New Zealand. She has been a local and national New Zealand Association for Gifted Children (NZAGC) President and feels it an honour to have been able to be involved. Pearl has been a Mensa Area Coordinator in two different parts of NZ and has always found it illuminating to be closely involved with the adult end, or end result, of gifted children.

Pearl was a One Day School teacher in two centres and for some years. She treasures her experiences there and is still in contact with young adult ex-explorers from NZAGC and ex-One Day Schoolers who equally treasure these experiences.

Pearl was, for some years, an Adviser to Schools for Gifted and Talented Education in Primary and Secondary schools for the Central North Island and appreciated every aspect of it with the possible exception of time away from home and family.

Pearl thought she had retired but can't switch off. She is a member of Mensa, GiftEDNZ, a life member of NZAGC and one of three coordinators of CenGATE (Central Region Gifted and Talented Educators). She also loves genealogy, reading, craft work and nerdy model painting when she has the time, and her family."