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Whānau Research

Dr Kathie Irwin is the Kaitatari Matua Māori for the NZ Families commission. They ensure families, communities and policymakers are well informed by research and evidence. So that the voices of New Zealand families are heard, they regularly conduct their own research, as well as providing research funding. Kathie will discuss the latest whānau research they are currently conducting.

Dr Kathie Irwin of Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Kahungunu and Rakaipaaka, specializes in Māori education, research and advancement. Kathie trained as a primary school teacher from 1974 to 1976, and completed her first three degrees in education at Massey University: (BEd) (1977), (BEd Hons, 1st Class) (1978) and (MEd) (1988). She graduated PhD from Victoria University in 2002.

From July 2007 – June 2008 Kathie holds a professorial postdoctoral Research Fellowship with Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi. She is working on two texts: Māori Education: Creating Transformative Change and Maori Education: From Wretchedness to Hope.