

Erin Devlin's Puppet Skills & Storytelling Teacher Workshops:

New Zealand children's author, puppet creator and performer Erin Devlin is passionate about sharing her love of puppets, children's picture books and performance. Erin's focus is on heightening awareness of NZ's unique environment through puppetry and storytelling performances and her very popular teacher workshops. Erin is the owner/founder of The Kiwi Puppet Company supplying puppets to early childhood and schools since the early 1980's. Her unique range of puppets are available at specially discounted prices for educators from her website.

Erin is the author of several much loved NZ children's nature books which she bases some of her performances on i.e. 'Good Morning, Good Night' about a little Kiwi and the hugely popular 'Oh, No Mister Possum' with its very catchy song written and recorded by Erin.

WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITY

Don't miss your chance to join one of Erin's workshops. She enthuses, delights and inspires her audience with her creative spirit and the endless ideas she's gathered over the 30 years she's been involved in puppet creation, performance, storytelling and writing children's stories, rhymes and songs.

Professional Development for Early Childhood Teachers

This PRACTICAL, fun 'Hands-On Hands-Up' Puppet Skills & Storytelling Workshop with Erin Devlin is for YOU if you're a teacher looking for ideas on:

- Engaging with babies and pre-schoolers when using puppets with story, rhyme and song
- Enjoying using puppets: Relax, practice and you will become much more confident
- Enlivening your puppet/storytelling experiences with rhyme and music
- Extending/enhancing stories naturally, using props with your puppets
- Entertaining children with puppetry both indoors and outdoors
- Environmental education taught in exciting and fun ways
- Exploring ideas on s-t-r-e-t-c-h-i-n-g your imagination and skills
- Experimenting/playing with a huge variety of puppets big and small

BRINGING NEW ZEALAND WILDLIFE STORIES ALIVE

In recent years Erin and her troupe of amazing puppet friends have performed hundreds of puppet shows to thousands of KIWI kids throughout Aotearoa, New Zealand. The focus of these exciting environmentally based performances has been inspired by NZ's native birds and wildlife. Erin brings these 'plays' alive with her natural and interactive puppetry skills using props in original and innovative ways to create unique NZ bush scenes.

PUPPETS, PROPS & PICTURE BOOKS:

During the workshop Erin will demonstrate and share some simple ideas for creating authentic nature props. Teachers can take these ideas back to their centres to enhance or develop, with their children, their own special 'bush' corner or space to get in touch with nature. 'Bush Prop Resource Packs' will be available for sale at her workshops.