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Every year LEARNZ offers a variety of online field trips that allow ākonga (students) to connect with people and places all around New Zealand and beyond. No permission slips required! Your ākonga can visit all kinds of places, across a range of learning areas, from the comfort of their classroom or home. Let LEARNZ take your ākonga there!



Register with LEARNZ

Although all teachers can access most of our field trip resources, you need to register with LEARNZ to enrol on field trips and get the most out of our free videos, images, resources, and activities.

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Enrol in online field trips

Once you are registered with LEARNZ, you can enrol in field trips. There are two

exciting advantages to enrolling in trips.

1. Engage in LIVE web conferences with experts!

Enrolment in our online field trips allows your ākonga to engage directly with experts in LIVE daily interactive web conferences as you travel online with us.



What your class will experience in a LIVE web conference:

- see experts on location
- share ideas
- ask questions
- watch related videos
- note links to related sites
- respond to quick polls
- contribute links to related online classwork
- listen, watch, and possibly re-watch the recording later. [More.](#)

2. Send an ambassador!

Enrolment in a trip allows your class to send a small soft Ambassador with the

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LEARNZ field trip teacher. Sending an ambassador is free (excluding the cost of return postage and a package if you want it back).



- Your class ambassador is a class mascot, a small soft toy, that you post to the LEARNZ Field Trip Teacher before the field trip.
- Ambassadors 'experience' the field trip first hand and are included in images taken on location. Everything the LEARNZ Field Trip Teacher does, your Ambassador does too! Sending an Ambassador connects ākonga with the action.
- We usually send only three Ambassadors on each trip (so be in quick). Every Ambassador gets a participation certificate and will bring joy and wonderment when they return.
- Ambassadors need to weigh less than 300gm and be no taller or wider than 20cm.

Sign your class ambassador up for a field trip through your **MyLEARNZ**.

Participate

There is no one way to use LEARNZ. You and your ākonga can use all the

components of a field trip or pick and choose what's most relevant to your class. The following information is a guide to help you drive learning and support ākonga to engage effectively in online field trips.

1. Spark curiosity, activate prior knowledge and build learning

Each field trip package includes material to prepare for the three day online field trip. Use these supporting resources to spark curiosity, activate and build background knowledge and learning. Engaging with the supporting resources will provide ākonga with context for travelling online with LEARNZ.



The supporting resources include:

- An introductory video to engage ākonga in the field trip topic; ākonga meet the LEARNZ field trip teacher and find out about the field trip location.
- Background reading to build knowledge and introduce curriculum concepts. These pages provide next steps for further inquiry and an audio file so ākonga can listen to the pages being read.
- Activities and quizzes based on concepts introduced in the background readings.

Explore the supporting resources using questions such as:

- What do they already know or think about this topic?
- What do they want to learn?
- What are they wondering about?

You can read this Edutopia article 'Harnessing students' curiosity to drive learning' to find out more about inquiry-based learning.

2. Travel online with us

Travel online with a LEARNZ teacher to a real place to meet field trip guides and experts.



LEARNZ teacher Andrew meets an expert on the [Map my Wahi online field trip](#) [3].

During the three day online field trip the LEARNZ teacher shares the experience through:

- a Google Earth tour or daily diary with images
- videos with field trip guides
- live web conferences where ākonga can ask their own questions
- social media.

Connect ākonga with these resources to deepen their curiosity, support learning and develop their own inquiries. By engaging in an online field trip, you and your ākonga may notice parallels to challenges in your own school and community, develop solutions, and take action.

3. Participate in our live field trip web conferences

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All LEARNZ field trip web conferences are streamed live using Zoom and are free to access for teachers registered with LEARNZ. If you have enrolled your class in a particular field trip, you will receive an email with instructions and the ZOOM link to the LEARNZ web conference. Web conferences usually take about 25 minutes. It is important to mute your microphone unless your ākonga are asking a question.



Book in as a speaking school

As a *speaking school* ākonga can engage with field trip guides and experts by asking questions relevant to the field trip. Ākonga prepare questions in advance and email them to the LEARNZ field trip teacher prior to the three day trip away.

Book in as a listening school

As a *listening school* ākonga can listen to field trip guides and experts answer questions from speaking schools. They can ask questions relevant to the field trip if there is time during the web conference.

Both *speaking schools* and *listening schools* can add further questions in the chat space after the speaking schools have asked their questions.

Keep ākonga on task during the web conference by:

- giving ākonga a web conference summary sheet
- sharing your screen so all ākonga can see the web conference
- drawing a mind-map or recording notes.

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After the web conference, take a few minutes to respond to questions, ideas and comments. Check over the key ideas from the web conference. You may want to listen to the web conference again using a link to the recorded file the available o the LEARNZ website

4. Take action

Encourage ākonga to take action based on their field trip experience.



After the field trip students can:

- revisit material
- complete webconference summaries
- lead action in their school, local area, or community based on where the key learning in the field trip takes them.

Consider the following to take action:

- How is the need identified?
- What steps are taken to address that need?
- Who needs to be called in to help?
- What change came about as the result of this action?
- What might have been challenges for this project?

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Ākonga can reflect on the impact of their learning, any inquiry, and possible action. This is a chance for them to share and celebrate their results with the LEARNZ team, field trip guides and experts, their community, and the world.



Some examples of sharing include:

- school and whānau assembly or hui
- school newsletter
- local media
- approved social media spaces
- a class or school website or blog.

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- Facebook: [@learnztrips](#) [5]
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- Email: support@learnz.org.nz [7]

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images of ākonga online before those images are shared with LEARNZ.

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