

Dr Robin Peace

Dr Robin Peace is an educator, writer and an evaluator who engages and inspires people. She is currently an Associate Professor at Massey University's School of People, Environment and Planning and Programme Coordinator of Massey's postgraduate social sector evaluation research programme. With the support of professional evaluators and academic colleagues, Robin undertook all the necessary development to design and establish a programme of study highly regarded by many of her students.

Her inspirational attitude with students - she has assisted PGDipSSER students to access the international evaluation community and enabled us to build our confidence to make a contribution to the field. She also challenges us on our thinking and acts as a mentor/guide while allowing us to be ourselves and find our own place. Robin's concern is not just to teach the 'how to' of evaluation, but she challenges students to consider the philosophy and ethics that underpin their practice. Robin's style is respectful, collaborative, enabling, pluralistic, and democratic - qualities that make her an outstanding supervisor and educator.

Robin's approach to the course reflects her expertise as an educationalist, her knowledge and understanding of the field of evaluation, and her particular commitment to supporting the growth of professional evaluation practice in Aotearoa New Zealand which recognises and contributes to the development of indigenous evaluation practice. Robin provides on-going professional advice, support and encouragement to many current and former students.

Robin has dedicated most of the last 10 years of her professional life to evaluation in the social sector. Prior to her appointment as Associate Professor at Massey University, she also spent five years as a principal analyst in the Centre for Social Research and Evaluation, Ministry of Social Development. Prior to that, Robin was a lecturer in human and cultural geography at the University of Waikato where she also attained her doctorate on social exclusion policies in the European Union, and as a teacher and Head of Department in Geography in a number of Wellington secondary schools. Robin is currently one of the two Directors of the *Building Research Capability in the Social Sciences (BRCSS) Network*, a virtual research community, spanning New Zealand's eight universities <http://www.brcss.net.nz>.