Imagine our delight as we share with you the diversity of this issue: an issue that reflects the multiplicity of our colleagues and their daily encounters with young people, their families, and the academic institutions in which they receive their education. When we first began to gather the articles for this issue, we wondered how we would be able to present you with a coherent gathering, because this group of articles is truly diverse. These papers weave a thread of similarity however, which is the whariki of inclusion. For example Peter and Lesley Stanley’s discussion paper about parent training, Jill Bevan-Brown’s snapshot of organisational provisions for Māori youth and Maggie Roe-Shaw’s take on the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act, to name but a few.

What we have realized from working together in this way is that diversity is a good thing! There is ampleness and strength in diversity. So we offer you this basket of articles in the hope that you will take something that you may add to your own basket. In this way, Kairaranga becomes the vehicle by which we can continue to replenish our stores.

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