



IFHE
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FOR HOME ECONOMICS



IFHE 2028
WORLD CONGRESS
Wellington New Zealand
16–21 July 2028



Te Roopu Whakazoaki Takiri Kaitiaki me te Hangarau o Aotearoa
Home Economics and Technology Teachers' Association of New Zealand Inc.



WELLINGTON, NORTH ISLAND



LAKE PUKAKI, SOUTH ISLAND



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Ko te manu e kai ana i te miro, nōna te ngahere. Ko te manu e kai ana i te mātauranga, nōna te ao!
The bird that eats the miro berries, theirs is the forest; the bird that consumes knowledge, theirs is the world.

About IFHE

IFHE (est. 1908) is a politically independent and secular international, non-profit organisation which holds consultative status with the United Nations. It is the only international organisation for Home Economics and related fields.

The Federation connects individuals and organisations from over 70 countries and multiple disciplines. Members are students and professionals representing academia, community services, education, agricultural extension, businesses, government, and health services, among others. IFHE has an active network of national and regional groups on all continents.

Full details are available at www.ifhe.org.

The main focus of IFHE is research, education and service, and it works towards improving the quality of everyday life for individuals, families and households.

XXVI IFHE World Congress 2028

Theme: Transforming Home Economics: Shaping Sustainable Futures

Congress Information

Hosted by the Home Economics and Technology Teachers' Association of New Zealand (HETTANZ) and the International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE), the Congress will take place from 16 – 21 July 2028 in Wellington, New Zealand. Full details are available at www.ifhe.org

About the Congress

Every four years, IFHE holds a World Congress to globally connect professionals and students.

The first Congress was held in 1908 in Fribourg, Switzerland, hosting 750 delegates from 20 countries. .” Since then, the Congress has grown to welcome over 70 countries and well over a thousand delegates.

Abstracts

The Home Economics and Technology Teachers' Association of New Zealand (HETTANZ) and the International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE) will invite the submission of abstracts for the XXVI IFHE World Congress 2028.

The 26th World Congress theme, Transforming Home Economics: Shaping Sustainable Futures, reflects the evolution of the field since its founding in 1899. As we gather in New Zealand we have an opportunity to advance ideas related to this theme. Home Economics can play a progressive role in shaping a more positive human experience and addressing global issues related to sustainable and healthy everyday living. What might 2028 and beyond mean for the human experience? Are transformative factors required to support individuals, families, and consumers during this time?

Delegates from aligned and cognate disciplines will be most welcome to submit an abstract. Full details are available in the Call for Abstracts published on the Congress website. The week of the Congress

is an opportunity for delegates to hear esteemed keynote speakers; engage in enriching concurrent sessions, poster sessions, workshops, symposia; view exhibits and the international sales market; as well as participate in social and cultural events such as the pre and post congress tours; opening cultural evening; opening ceremony and gala banquet.

Accommodation Options

A range of accommodation options will be available in Wellington to suit different budgets and preferences, including hotels within walking distance of Tākina Wellington Convention & Exhibition Centre as well as properties throughout the central city.

Delegates will be able to book accommodation directly via the official Congress website.

Accommodation booking will go live in June 2027, alongside full details of recommended hotels, rates, and booking links.

For updates and booking information, please visit:
www.ifhe.org

Congress Venue

The Congress will be hosted at **Tākina Wellington Convention & Exhibition Centre**, located in the heart of Wellington's waterfront precinct in New Zealand's capital city.

Tākina Wellington Convention & Exhibition Centre

50 Cable Street
Wellington 6011
New Zealand

Wellington is a compact, vibrant harbour city situated at the southern tip of the North Island, where hills meet a deep natural harbour. The city centre is highly walkable and is known for its mix of cultural attractions, waterfront promenades, cafés, restaurants, and boutique shopping.

Key areas of interest near the venue include **Cuba Street**, known for its eclectic culture and dining, **Te Papa Tongarewa (Museum of New Zealand)**, and the Wellington waterfront, which features public spaces, art installations, and walking paths along the harbour.

Wellington is widely regarded as New Zealand's cultural and creative capital, with a strong reputation for film, arts, theatre, music, and food culture. The city

Important dates

First Announcement
September 2026

Call for abstracts
October 2026

Second announcement and
final registration information
June 2027

Registration opens
(Early Bird)
1 July 2027

Abstract Submission closes
30th September 2027

Third announcement
Feb 2028

Early Bird registration closes
March 31 2028

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July 2028



hosts a wide range of festivals and events throughout the year, including summer arts and cultural celebrations that may be of interest to delegates extending their stay.

The central location of Tākina ensures easy access to accommodation, entertainment, and public transport, all within walking distance of the venue.

Transportation

Wellington is well connected by air, road, rail, and ferry services, making it easily accessible from throughout New Zealand and internationally.

The closest airports to Wellington are as follows:

- **Wellington Airport:** Approximately 15–20 minutes' drive to Tākina Wellington Convention & Exhibition Centre (www.wellingtonairport.co.nz) with daily domestic flights and from Australia and the Pacific
- **Auckland Airport:** New Zealand's largest international gateway, with frequent domestic connections to Wellington (www.aucklandairport.co.nz)
- **Christchurch Airport:** the South Island's largest airport with international flights and frequent domestic connections to Wellington (www.christchurchairport.co.nz)

Travelling to Wellington

Getting to Tākina Wellington Convention & Exhibition Centre

Wellington is New Zealand's capital city and is easily accessible by air, road, and ferry.

From Wellington Airport

Tākina Wellington Convention & Exhibition Centre is located in the heart of Wellington's CBD, approximately 15–20 minutes from Wellington Airport.

Visitors can travel to the venue using:

- Airport Express bus services, which provide regular connections between Wellington Airport and the city centre.
- Taxi and rideshare services, including Uber, which are readily available from the airport.
- Rental vehicles, available from a range of providers operating at Wellington Airport.

For transport information, visit:

- Wellington Airport – www.wellingtonairport.co.nz
- Metlink Public Transport – www.metlink.org.nz
- Rental Vehicles
- Car rental services are available at Wellington Airport from a range of providers, including:
 - Hertz – www.hertz.co.nz
 - Budget – www.budget.co.nz
 - Avis – www.avis.co.nz
 - Europcar – www.europcar.co.nz

Venue Location

Tākina Wellington Convention & Exhibition Centre is conveniently located on Wellington's waterfront, within walking distance of many hotels, restaurants, attractions, and public transport services.

Other Useful Information

Weather

Wellington has a temperate maritime climate, with mild temperatures throughout the year and weather conditions that can change quickly. Known in New Zealand as "Windy Wellington", Wellington can experience strong winds at any time of year, so visitors are encouraged to bring layers and a waterproof jacket.

July is winter in New Zealand. Average daily temperatures range from 8°C to 13°C, with cooler mornings and evenings. Rainfall is common throughout the year, and conditions can vary from day to day.



Time Zone

New Zealand operates on New Zealand Standard Time (NZST), which is GMT/UTC + 12 hours.

During daylight saving time, New Zealand operates on New Zealand Daylight Time (NZDT), which is GMT/UTC + 13 hours. Daylight saving begins in late September and ends in early April.

As the Congress takes place in July, New Zealand will be operating on New Zealand Standard Time (NZST).

Currency: New Zealand Dollar (NZD)

The official currency of New Zealand is the New Zealand Dollar (NZD), represented by the symbol \$.

Coins

- \$2
- \$1
- 50 cents
- 20 cents
- 10 cents

Banknotes

- \$5
- \$10
- \$20
- \$50
- \$100

Credit cards, debit cards, and contactless payment methods are widely accepted throughout New Zealand.

Visa and Letter of Invitation

International delegates should check New Zealand's visa and entry requirements well in advance of travel.

Visitors may require either a visa or a New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority (NZeTA), depending on their nationality and travel circumstances. Delegates are encouraged to confirm the requirements applicable to them before making travel arrangements.

For information on visa requirements and entry conditions, please visit the official Immigration New Zealand website:

www.immigration.govt.nz

A Letter of Invitation to support visa applications will be available on the Congress website. Delegates requiring a Letter of Invitation should ensure they have completed their Congress registration before requesting this document.

Please note that a Letter of Invitation does not guarantee the approval of a visa application and is intended solely to support attendance at the Congress.

