

Testimonial for Dr Ellen Joan Nelson – Keynote Speaker

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To whom it may concern,

I recently had the great pleasure of introducing D Ellen Joan Nelson as a keynote speaker at the BCITO Summit Skills Conference in Auckland, November 2022.

Her brief was to speak on diversifying the work force and making use of the great pool of talent that have family commitments.

Ellen absolutely nailed it, and specifically from her ability to relate her own impressive and fascinating experiences into a Kaupapa the entire audience could engage with.

What I personally loved about Ellen's keynote speech was that it wasn't just based on wonderful anecdotes and storytelling, she had the research and knowledge to back it up. It was a powerful and compelling combination.

With a personal interest in the resettlement on Afghan refugees into Aotearoa I couldn't have thrilled to have heard her personal efforts in evacuating hundreds of NZDF allies from Afghanistan after the country's fall to the Taleban in 2021.

The courage and determination to do so only enriched her ability as a keynote speaker.

I would highly recommend her for any future conference or speaking event.

Nga mihi nui,



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