



**Hon Nikki Kaye,
Minister for Youth**

Warmly invites you to a presentation by
The University of Auckland Seelye Fellow and Harvard PHD Graduate

Professor Renée Spencer

Chair and Professor, Human Behavior in the Social Environment, Boston University

This changes (almost) everything: Youth Initiated Mentoring

Monday 8 May 2017, 2.30pm – 4.00pm

The Legislative Council Chamber, Parliament

Doors open at 2.00pm

Please allow 20 minutes to process through security

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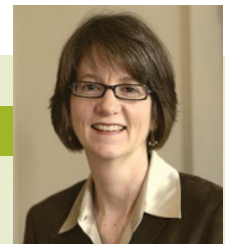
<http://Profspencerwellington.eventbrite.co.nz>

Youth Initiated Mentoring (YIM) is an innovative new approach to mentoring practice whereby young people are encouraged and supported to select adults to serve as their mentors in formalised matches.

This approach holds great potential, addressing several challenges faced by mentoring programmes such as volunteer recruitment and attrition and the low to modest effect sizes of mentoring, particularly for high risk youth. Professor Spencer will present findings from two studies detailing the influence of YIM on the entire mentoring process, and implications for programme practices. This presentation will appeal to mentoring programme providers, youth development agency staff, educators, policy leaders from government and community agencies.

BIOGRAPHY

**Professor Renée Spencer,
Boston University School
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The University of Auckland Seelye Fellow and Harvard PhD graduate, Professor Spencer is a theoretical and applied expert in youth mentoring.

During the Obama administration, she contributed to a White House-hosted meeting about youth development and a Ford Foundation-hosted meeting on poverty. Spencer's influential work has revealed the under-recognised role of parents in mentoring; contributions adult mentors make to the mentoring process; mentoring young people in foster-care; educational stress and adolescent girls' development; and the complexity of how and why mentoring relationships end.