



WESTLAND DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL AND STRATEGY

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WHAT DROVE US TO CONSIDER A YOUTH COUNCIL?

- Work in conjunction with youth to redevelop the youth plan
- Build on the success other districts have had with their youth councils
- Invest in the future by enhancing youth autonomy within the district
- Encourage youth engagement in local decision making

WHAT CAN WE GAIN THROUGH THE INTRODUCTION A YOUTH COUNCIL?

- Engagement and connectedness with youth in our district
- A pathway for youth to offer insight on current matters
- An avenue for collective knowledge to be shared on community issues
- A chance to fulfill the adopted 2005 Youth Strategy obligations

KEY INSIGHTS FROM OTHER COUNCILS

- Successful councils must change to suit different generations
- Applicants should be sourced from a wide range of youth centric spaces
- Offer a wide range of meeting opportunities
- Develop youth wards, reflective of council
- A diverse range of youth offer unique ways to advance their communities

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Mana Taiohi – Code of Ethics

- Mana Taiohi (MT) is a strengths-based approach that informs youth work in Aotearoa
- MT prioritizes the empowerment of rangatahi and aims to safeguard their mana

Positive Youth Development in Aotearoa Framework

- The Positive Youth Development (PYD) Framework is an all encompassing approach towards rangatahi
- The goal of the PYD is for young people to lead thriving lives

WHAT ARE OUR PLANS?

- Engage the wider community and its existing groups throughout the district
- Bring together 12 – 16 youth of different ages, locations and backgrounds
- Create a youth council with the purpose of bringing youth voice to matters within the district
- Enrich the youth with knowledge and skills applicable to real world situations

MTFJ INVOLVEMENT

- Westland MTFJ is currently funded for another 18 months
- Willing to share a space for hosting
- Open to helping to recruit youth to the youth council
- Offering consultation to council for supporting youth

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Agreement in principle to support this process so we can continue forward
- Allowing us to return in 2024 with a report to council for formal decision to stand this up
- If you are unsure about anything, ask questions

Thank you
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NGA MIHI
KOUTOU KATOA

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