



CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY

Youth Action Plan 2018-2020



Central Hawke’s Bay District Council

Vision Statement

Our vision for Central Hawke’s Bay is a proud and prosperous district made up of strong communities and connected people who respect and protect our environment and celebrate our beautiful part of New Zealand.

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Youth Vision Statement

Central Hawke’s Bay young people are supported and valued by being heard and given opportunities within a safe and healthy community.

Background

In June 2013 the Central Hawke’s Bay District Council adopted the CHB Youth Strategy.

The strategy acknowledges that youth are a unique demographic with different needs and aspirations compared to the very young or older people in our community. The Central Hawke’s Bay district will rely on youth to carry the community forward and into the future. Investment into their social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing is of benefit to the entire community. The strategy reflects the intent of the Central Hawke’s Bay District Council, youth providers and the young people of Central Hawke’s Bay to work together in a coordinated and collaborative way.

The Ministry of Youth Development defines youth as being between the ages of 12 and 24 years. While this definition for the term ‘Youth’ is adopted by Central Hawke’s Bay District Council, it is recognised that our young people also include those aged 0-11. 2013 census data shows that 3,909 or 30% of people in Central Hawke’s Bay are aged under-24 years.



What strategies guide this action plan?

The Youth Development Strategy Aotearoa was launched by the Ministry of Youth Development in 2002 and provides a framework of ten positive ageing principles and ten goals to guide the development of initiatives and decisions to help our older generation have a positive living experience across New Zealand.

The goals of the Youth Development Strategy Aotearoa are:

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| STRENGTH-BASED APPROACH | GOAL 1 |
| Ensuring a consistent strengths-based youth development approach. | |
| QUALITY RELATIONSHIPS | GOAL 2 |
| Developing skilled people to work with young people. | |
| YOUTH PARTICIPATION | GOAL 3 |
| Creating opportunities for young people to actively participate and engaged. | |
| AN INFORMED APPROACH | GOAL 4 |
| Building knowledge about youth development through information and research. | |

The Central Hawkes Bay District Council's Youth Action Plan is underpinned by the following values:

1. Opportunity
2. Whanau
3. Acceptance
4. Connectivity
5. Choice
6. Belonging
7. Self-expression
8. Creativity
9. Role modelling

What will Council do to ensure that Central Hawke's Bay is a great place for youth to live?

To ensure the Central Hawke's Bay District Council plays its part in the achievement of the Youth Strategy objectives it has developed three policy goals and actions to achieve those goals.

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| In Central Hawke's Bay young people are valued, respected and included. | GOAL 1 |
| ACTION | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support INSPIRE Youth Council. • Ensure that young people have opportunities to have their say on key council projects and decision making which affect young people's lives. • Ensure good communication is maintained between the youth council and council. • Ensure that the INSPIRE Youth Council is fully supported with the ability to support other youth groups. • Support mentoring programme for youth council members to assist with increased confidence, skills and communication. • Celebrate the achievements of our young people. | |
| VALUES: Acceptance Opportunity Connectivity Belonging Creativity Self-expression | |
| Central Hawke's Bay is a district that cares for the wellbeing of its young people. | GOAL 2 |
| ACTION | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the provision of programmes that encourage young people to keep themselves healthy and well, such as recreational, educational and fitness programmes that encourage healthy and active lifestyles. • Support activities and programmes that demonstrate the benefits of employing young people. • Ensure young people are given the opportunities to be fully engaged in education, training and/or employment. | |
| VALUES: Opportunity Belonging Whanau Connectivity Choice | |

Central Hawke's Bay provides appropriate services and facilities for its young people.

GOAL 3

ACTION

- Ensure spaces and places young people gather in and the routes young people use to get around in the district are safe and accessible.
- Advocate for the young person on relevant services; health, public transport, etc.
- Encourage organisations working with young people to work together.
- Work with Government and non-Government organisations to ensure good provision of services for young people across the district.
- Investigate youth spaces in our community, places where young people feel safer and supported.

VALUES: Connectivity | Choice | Belonging | Creativity | Self-expression | Role modelling

Central Hawke's Bay supports, mentors and celebrates young people and their achievements.

GOAL 4

ACTION

- Participate in Mayors Taskforce for Jobs.
- Participate in Tuia programme.
- Support the celebration of inspiring stories and achievements of young people.
- Support events that facilitate pathways to education and employment for young people eg Employment Expo's.

VALUES: Opportunity | Connectivity | Choice | Role modelling

Council's role is to coordinate, advocate and facilitate Community Wellbeing initiatives, projects and strategy at a local level.

Council's interaction with government and non-government agencies that work with young people ensures strong connections across the sector, enabling good youth development across the district. This in turn acts as a way of improving the wellbeing of our community as a whole.





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