

Partnering with other youth councils



Hurunui District Council

Our Partners:

Youth Voice Canterbury



Why work alone when we can work together - there is power in numbers

Case Story: #7

Overview

By joining other youth councils we are not doubling up on the work and can share resources e.g. youth take over survey, together we are strengthening youth voice beyond Hurunui. It becomes a greater Canterbury 'youth voice' collective. By being part of Youth Voice Canterbury means we can enjoy shared training opportunities for our young leaders, staff can share their knowledge amongst the group, and they can share their expertise amongst young people. By coming together we have the opportunity to hear other experiences in context e.g. Hurunui's rural isolation compared to Christchurch city transport provision.



Hurunui Youth staff enjoy membership opportunities with Rerenga Awa (Canterbury Youth Workers Collective). They exist to support those who work with youth by providing professional development, networking opportunities, accountability, information and resource sharing.

Challenges

- 1 Hurunui Youth Council motivation is driven from a community based need rather than a political angle compared to some of the other youth councils.
- 2 A young persons time and capacity to represent young people beyond their local area in Christchurch.
- 3 Surveys are best carried out in person rather than online so timing is critical, it helps to coincide with local events.

Solutions

To improve our relationships with the different youth councils, we now have two youth reps on Youth Voice Canterbury who network with other young people from across Canterbury. Attendance at the meetings is online or in person.

Our annual survey, based on the Christchurch Youth Takeover Survey, will roll out at the same time as the other youth councils so we can compare Hurunui youth results to our Canterbury counterparts. This will form a joint data bank. This is super helpful when making submissions and understanding our landscape.



Millie Jane & Will ready to collect surveys

