



# MDC Youth Council Action Plan 2018

## Background

The Council's Long Term Plan includes a community outcome for youth as follows:

- *People - a vibrant community that is flourishing, diverse and inclusive for everyone, presenting opportunities for people to succeed.*
- *Living - a healthy and safe community that thrives on positive relationships between all people, where opportunities for a better life abound.*

In addition, Council adopted a Youth Policy in 1999 that states:

*The Marlborough District Council will work towards developing a District where:*

- *young peoples' views and contributions to their families and their communities are valued*
- *young people are cherished and their diversity is recognised, acknowledged and celebrated*
- *the views of young people will be sought and taken into account in the development of the Council's policies and activities.*

The Youth Council was then established in 2000 as a mechanism to communicate and gain participation by young people in civic activities.

In 2005 Council undertook a Youth Scoping Project in conjunction with Public Health which comprised a survey of Youth Service Organisations and a Talking Walls Project with secondary schools students, Council requested that the Youth Council provide information on how Youth Initiatives funding could be utilised. A Youth Initiatives Plan was presented to Council for consideration and encompassed the information provided by the Youth Council and some recommended actions.

As a result Council agreed to adopt the plan and provide an annual budget for the Youth Council to implement the actions identified in the plan to achieve positive outcomes for young people in our community.

## Youth Council Purpose

The purpose of the Youth Council is to:

- Provide a line of communication between youth, Council and other organisations.
- Provide an opportunity for youth to raise issues relating to them and undertake some projects to address these.
- Increase youth awareness of wider community issues.
- Gain youth input on Council processes and projects.
- Development of youth leadership skills through involvement in civic activities.
- To provide opportunities in decision making for allocation of Council's youth funding.

## The Plan

The plan summarises the issues identified by the Youth Council members that they want to make a difference on for Marlborough Youth. It also identifies actions to be undertaken both by the Youth Council and in conjunction with other organisations such as the Marlborough Youth Trust (MYT), Police.

It is intended that this will assist Council in achieving the Community Outcomes for youth and the Youth Policy as well as give guidance on priorities for allocation of youth funding.

## **Objectives**

1. The objectives of the plan are as follows:

- **Youth Voice** - youth views are valued and listened to
- **Youth Support** – youth are supported to take action and participate
- **Leadership** - opportunities for personal growth and community participation
- **Events & Activities** – regular youth events are supported
- **Youth Health** – promotion of youth friendly health services
- **Youth Achievement** – showcase young people and their achievements
- **Positive Promotion of Youth** – positive youth profile in the community
- **Education & Training** – opportunities for career development
- **Environment** – think and act sustainably

## **Plan Implementation**

Along with working in partnership with key youth service providers, the Youth Council considered proposals from organisations who can contribute to positive outcomes for youth as outlined in this Plan.

The Youth Council will work towards achieving the action points throughout 2018.

## **Budget**

Council has an annual budget of \$60,000 for youth activities linked to the implementation of the plan. Some of the funding is required to resource some projects identified by Youth Council members as well as for supporting proposals from providers.

Allocation of youth funding is through a Youth Funding committee comprising of the Mayor, Chair of the Council Community & Financial Planning committee and one representative from each of the schools on the Youth Council. The youth representatives are appointed by youth each year. The majority of funding decisions are made at Youth Council meetings.

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## Youth Voice - youth views are valued and listened to

Actions	When will this be achieved?	Who is involved - Youth Council and others?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information about the Youth Council membership to be provided on the website.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 2018</li> </ul>	Council Staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth Council representatives promote who they are so that young people know who to contact to raise their issues at the Youth Council meetings. This will be done through school notices and assemblies, My Voice website and social media.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing throughout the year</li> </ul>	Youth Council - all
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth Council representatives to gain wider youth input on issues raised through their school and other networks.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As required throughout the year</li> </ul>	Youth Council - all
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilise the Youth Website/social media options to get youth feedback on issues.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing throughout the year</li> </ul>	Council staff with Youth Council sub group
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider making a submission to Council's Long Term Plan 2018-2028 on youth related activity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By 14 May 2018</li> </ul>	Council staff with Youth Council sub group

## Youth Support – youth are supported to take action and participate

Action	When will this be achieved?	Who is involved - Youth Council and others?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the Peer Support programme in Secondary Schools.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual Request</li> </ul>	Youth Council - all
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the Regional SADD committee including attendance at conference and initiatives throughout the year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April 2018 for conference</li> <li>Initiatives on request</li> </ul>	Youth Council – all Council staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote Pink Shirt Day activities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During Youth Week 2018</li> </ul>	Youth Council members MVIP Co-ordinator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote Cyber safety education and initiatives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>	Council staff with Youth Council

**Leadership - opportunities for personal growth and community participation**

Action	When will this be achieved?	Who is involved - Youth Council and others?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training for Youth Council members is provided to develop leadership skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Throughout the year</li> </ul>	Youth Council – all Council staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Leadership opportunities are promoted to young people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As required throughout the year</li> </ul>	

**Events & Activities – regular youth events are supported**

Action	When will this be achieved?	Who is involved - Youth Council and others?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue the relationship with the Marlborough Youth Trust for regular one off youth activities across the region. Request minimum of one event to be held in Picton. Youth Council assist with delivery of events.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing</li> </ul>	Marlborough Youth Trust Youth Council – all Council staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Millennium Art Gallery to provide an annual Youth Art Project, including development of skills for young people. This year a Youth Art Exhibition of student art folios.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed by July 2018</li> </ul>	Millennium Public Art Gallery Youth artists Council staff College Art Teachers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue the partnership with the Marlborough Civic Theatre to support youth productions- a maximum of three per annum.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On request</li> </ul>	ASB Theatre Youth Council – all Council staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participate in activities that build relationships with other organisations and provide opportunities for intercollege participation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As identified and agreed throughout the year</li> </ul>	Youth Council – all Council staff Marlborough Youth Trust & other organisations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue support for CACTUS programmes and PCT activities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing contract in place with Marlborough Youth Trust – reported annually</li> </ul>	Youth Council – all Council staff Marlborough Youth Trust & other organisations

### Youth Health – promotion of youth friendly health services

Action	When will this be achieved?	Who is involved - Youth Council and others?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilise the Youth Website to ensure information about health services is available to youth. Review the content to ensure the services contact details are up to date.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By December 2018</li> </ul>	Public Health Youth Council Sub Group Council staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support initiatives that encourage a change in the drinking culture and exposure to drug use with a focus on keeping young people safe.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By December 2018</li> </ul>	Marlborough Alcohol Advisory Group Youth Council – Sub Group Council Staff MVIP

### Youth Achievement – showcase young people and their achievements

Action	When will this be achieved?	Who is involved - Youth Council and others?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth Civic Awards – prepare for 2019 by reviewing process.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By December 2018</li> </ul>	Youth Council Council Staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to support youth chosen to represent Marlborough and/or New Zealand at a national or international level under the policy for supporting youth in need.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>	Young people Youth Council Council Staff

### Positive Promotion of Youth – positive youth profile in the community

Action	When will this be achieved?	Who is involved - Youth Council and others?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue the relationship with local media and the Youth Council to promote positive stories about local youth on an event/activity basis.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Throughout the year</li> </ul>	Marlborough Express Youth Council sub group Council staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote activities for Youth Week that profile the positive contribution young people make in our community. This to include youth profiles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 2018</li> </ul>	Youth Council Council Staff Marlborough Youth Trust MVIP

**Education & Training – opportunities for career development**

<b>Action</b>	<b>When will this be achieved?</b>	<b>Who is involved - Youth Council and others?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue support for services that provide trades information including the annual Industry Training Graduation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 2018</li> </ul>	Mayor Council Staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure information about services that support transition from school are kept up to date on the Youth Website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>	ProCom Group
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate options for Trades to present information about employment opportunities within the colleges.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By December 2018</li> </ul>	Youth Council – all Council Staff

**Environment – think and act sustainably**

<b>Action</b>	<b>When will this be achieved?</b>	<b>Who is involved - Youth Council and others?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage youth participation in environmental issues by including information on the My Voice website and promoting activities on FB page and inclusion in any contracts with Youth Funding.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>	Youth Council Sub Group Council Staff