

# **MINUTES**

## **YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING**

### **17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2005**

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This meeting started at 4.02pm

#### **Apologies:**

Sally Anderson, Nicholas Chan (lateness)

#### **Present:**

Libby McCarthy	Wellington Girl's College
Amy Hadfield	Wellington Girl's College
Laura Hubbard	Queen Margaret College
Sarah Hitchings	Queen Margaret College
Jenna Raeburn	Samuel Marsden School
Fiona McNamara	Samuel Marsden School
Jaz Rongokea	St Catherine's College
Rita Jajjo	St Catherine's College
Nicholas Chan	Wellington College
Ioana Gordon-Smith	St Mary's College
Josh Mitikulena	Onslow College
Jay Bryce	Newlands College
Patricia Shute	Working class
Scott Mcleod	Working class

#### **In attendance:**

Joella Wright	Wellington City Council
Councillor Hayley Wain	Wellington City Council
Laurie Gabites	Wellington City Council

#### **Agenda Items:**

##### Regional Youth Council Forum report back

Scott, Ioana and Josh gave a report back on the regional youth council forum which they attended in Lower Hutt on 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

The forum was attended by youth councillors from Porirua, Upper Hutt, Lower Hutt, Horowhenua, Kapiti and Wellington.

In the forum, youth councillors discussed things such as roles of youth council, structure, public awareness, criteria, benefits and whether youth council was advisory or project based.

### Review of youth council

Joella & Hayley advised youth council that they were currently under review. The review will be carried out by the youth services team. To help with the review, youth council were asked to think about the following things:

Purpose	What do you see youth councils purpose as being?
Role	What do you see your role as being? Incentives for youth councillors How can we get better representation of young people? Accessibility
Relationships	Relationships with senior councillors Mentoring systems Pairing up of youth councillors and port folio holders Relationships with council staff Relationships with external youth organisations
Training	Aim to become more independent Public relations training Media training Public speaking training How to run meetings Orientation day for youth councillors
Structure	School report backs More youth councillors in schools Raising profile Representation i.e. school, area – does it matter? Narrow definition of who youth council represents

There will be another meeting held on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August to go over what was discussed at the meeting and to give people an opportunity to go away and think of other ideas.

**Next meeting**  
**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2005**  
**4pm – 5.30pm**  
**Committee Room 1, Ground floor, Wellington City Council**  
**101 Wakefield Street**  
**Wellington**