

**Date:** Monday 25 May 2015  
**Time:** 6.00pm  
**Meeting Room:** Reception Lounge  
**Venue:** Auckland Town Hall  
Level 2  
301-305 Queen Street  
Auckland

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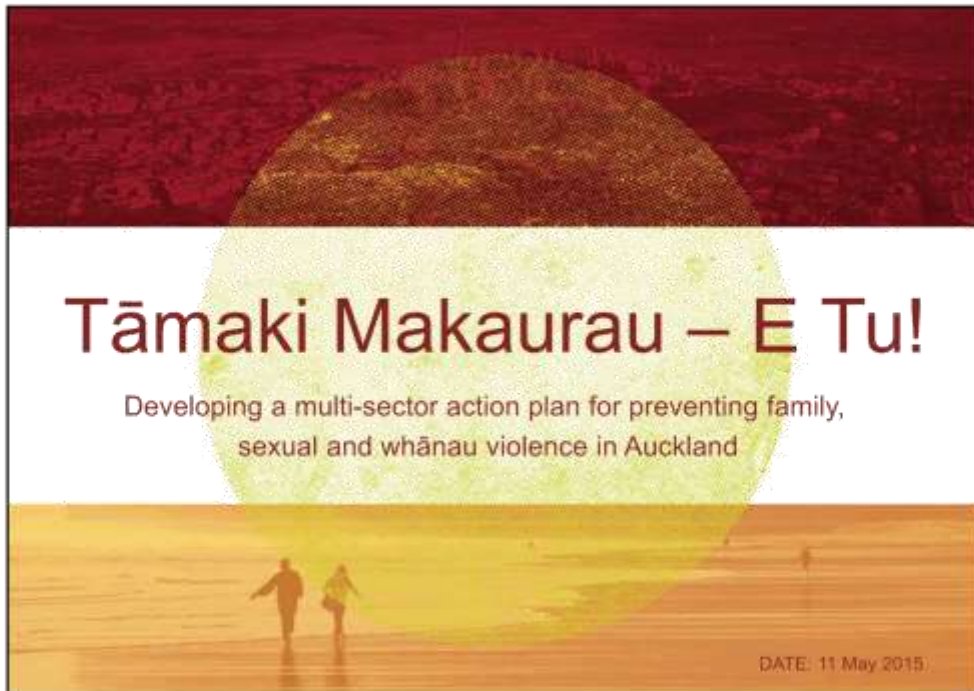
## **Youth Advisory Panel**

### **OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS**

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**Across New Zealand family, whānau and sexual violence accounts for around**

- Half of all murders in NZ
- Three-quarters of serious assaults
- One-third of sexual assaults
- Every 7 minutes NZ police attend a family violence call out and only 20% are thought to be reported



## And children and young people?

**Children are growing up with violence**


- They are at two-thirds of police call outs

**And they are being harmed**

- Eight children are killed by a family member every year
- 1 in 7 young people say they are physically harmed at home

**Sexual violence is common**

- Young people aged 16-24 are 4 times more likely to be sexually assaulted than any other age group (Most sexual abuse is by someone they know)
- Around 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 8 boys will experience some form of sexual abuse



We know it is happening in our  
families, neighbourhoods, communities  
and city



## Change is happening!

88% of New Zealanders believe a life without family violence is possible

The public is hopeful of change - 81% of people think it is possible to change people's behaviour (up from 57% in 2008)

96% think everyone should try to help victims of violence and encourage violent people to change their behaviour

## Tāmaki Makaurau – E Tu!

It is preventable.


It requires **everyone** to work together to end Family, Whānau and Sexual Violence in Auckland.

## Our work to date

- Two short literature reviews completed
- Consultation with the family, whānau and sexual violence sectors
- Development of Tāmaki Makaurau – E Tu! Strategic Approach
- Consultation with community stakeholders including:  
Young People's Forum held on 16 April
- Multi-sector Implementation Hui 13 May

## Next steps

- Development of implementation plan
- Launching of multi-sector action plan (tentative date July)



**For further information or support**

It's Not OK Family Violence Information Line: **0800 456 450** (Seven days a week, from 9am to 11pm)

Sexual Abuse Help: **623 1700** (24 hour confidential phone line)





Well fellow YAP members, this is it. Two and a half years of incredible memories, achievements, commitment, frustration and passion is coming all down to this.

While thinking about what I was going to say in essentially this "retirement speech" it was impossible to write anything without reflecting on the experience and journey of both YAP and myself over time I have been involved with the panel. And what a journey it has been.

When I started as the Albert-Eden youth representative, I had no idea what to expect. I had been back in New Zealand for about six months, just started my third year of University and not entirely sure what I wanted to do as a career. Fast forward two and a half years I have graduated from University and now happily working in the big bad world.

Similarly for YAP, as the first time it's ever had a panel of 21 members, the early days were about finding our feet. We all came with our own passion, drive and experiences as young change makers but we weren't too sure how to make it all happen.

When inducted on to the panel I stated that for Auckland to be the worlds most liveable city we need to be well connected and integrated with each other, drawing together all our knowledge, strengths and skills, and to engage, nurture and learn from the diversity we have in Auckland. Even though we may not represent the city, we certainly represent the future and look at us all around the table today. I definitely think we are diverse, but well connected with lots of skills and a clear direction of where what we would like to achieve.

And achieve we have. We developed a strategic action plan that other organisations now model and use, and at times I didn't think we would pull off the summit, but yes we did and delivered an amazing day of activities for hundreds of young people. I guess I can say my own personal achievements on the panel have been related to what I'm passionate about - health, whether it be smoking, alcohol or legal highs, and I'm grateful for the support of the panel for allowing the submissions to happen - even if it meant staying up until 3am!

It also wouldn't have been possible without the generous support of our council officers, who ensure a smooth ship is sailed every meeting so thank you all very much.

As for parting words of wisdom, don't stop being you. I am grateful for all the people and all the friendships I have made while being on this incredible journey, and I am really proud for what we have accomplished.

You may not realise it at the time, but really your YAP journey is setting you up for life so embrace it and let it take you to the places it takes you. Don't ever stop your passion and fight, and most certainly don't ever let someone tell you you are too young to know what you are talking about.

The best way to predict the future is to create it.

You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes, you can steer yourself in any direction you choose.

I wish you all the very best as you continue making the world a better place for young people and in all your future endeavours.