

Local Governance Group Work Programme 2016/2017

Support the Youth Connections Programme, collaborate with multiple sectors in the Local Governance Group (Māngere-Ōtāhuhu and Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Boards) to track youth from secondary education through pathways to employment, with the aim for all Youth to be meaningfully engaged in education, employment or training and have clear and viable employment pathways.

Strategic Area of Focus	Initiative	Description	Outcome	Progress
EXTENDING HORIZONS Improving the Transition Journey from School to Employment	HERO PROJECT: [tracking support service]	A support service that creates visibility of a school leaver as they transition from education to employment, training or further education, supporting the young person to confidently enter the job market	South Auckland schools engaged in exchange of data and knowledge to inform education systems change Insights gained to inform Youth Connections strategy and interventions Lever for changing the career conversation, increasing employability training within the school system, and improving the youth transition journey into employment REDUCES NEET	After considerable investigation into various digital programmes available, less resource intensive and more cost effective platforms were identified. A platform that is more than a tracking tool was required. Learnings from the "Attitude Gap" led to investigating a platform that enabled working with business to co-design work readiness courses, enabling youth to become work and link to youth to available roles. YouthFull was launched.
	Supporting Drivers Licence Programmes	Supporting the local drivers licence initiatives	Enabling local youth to gain a drivers licence. A drivers Licence is an enabler to Youth Employment.	Over 450 local youth assisted with match-funding learners licences
	Entrepreneurial Initiatives	Seed Fund - validate and grow creativity, entrepreneurship and start-ups, for youth to pathway into	Youth Entrepreneurial skills	Youth supported with Passion to Profession courses in Ōtara and Māngere
	STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP Youth Guarantee Partnership	Strategic partnership with YG and membership of local education networks to integrate youth employment, and employers [industry partners] within school pedagogy, strategies and local business initiatives	Bringing education closer to the labour market, and influencing a pan-secondary school approach to work readiness and employment transition INCREASES EXPOSURE AND EMPLOYABILITY	Membership on both of the local Youth Guarantee networks collaborating with secondary schools, Private training providers and Industry Training organisations etc.
SKILLS EXCHANGE Auckland Council Family	LEADERSHIP & INFLUENCE Leveraging Council's Assets and Resources	Identify opportunities across the Council Family to integrate youth employment tactics so local youth can access a range of activities that increases their exposure to, and engagement with employers and job opportunities, with a specific focus on the Southern Initiative [includes Maori Pasifika Trades Training], Procurement, and Council community assets	Activates the Council Pledge and increases youth employment	Collaboration with Council Family including TSI, MPTT, Community Places, Libraries etc

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	IDEAStarter Dig My Idea	Youth Connections in partnership with ATEED - supporting Youth entrepreneurs and valuing creativity, helping youth turn their ideas into opportunities A Maori Innovation challenge co-designed by ATEED. Youth Connections to assist with promotion	Youth Entrepreneurial skills Generating opportunities for youth to learn and earn	Promoted to local youth Promoted to local youth
	YOUTH EMPLOYER PLEDGE PARTNERS	Partner with ATEED and YC Regional to identify Youth Employer Pledge partnership opportunities for engaging local youth, school students, whanau/families, and school clusters	Programme implemented to leverage value from employers to build youth capability and employment opportunities COLLAPSES SPACE BETWEEN EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYMENT READY/ YOUTH	70 Business have now signed with work continuing to unlock opportunities
INVESTING IN FUTURES Changing the Career Conversation	Communications and Case Studies	Sharing the success stories and delivering consistent communications so youth employment remains top of mind and the ecosystem course corrects	Call to action increases partnerships and collective impact to generate greater empathy between employers and young people and providing insights and evidence of successful outcomes	More work required with communications to get more media coverage of highlights. Case studies available on all funded work.
YOUTH CONNECTIONS REGIONAL STRATEGIES Leverage and impact	Regional initiatives and strategies that benefit local communities	JOBFEST – promote, market and engage local young people and employers to access and use the JOBFEST platform	Unemployed/under employed youth gain access to employment opportunities and engagement with employers Youth are mobilized to create change within their own lives Employers gain access to talent pool	JobFest held in May 2017 at the Vodafone Events Centre, Manukau.
		ATTITUDE GAP CHALLENGE [CO-DESIGN LAB AND TSI] – leverage the Attitude Gap Challenge to evidence a change in mindset, perceptions and behaviour		Findings from “Attitude Gap” shared and learnings utilised.