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YOCO Conference July 14th & 15th



Message from Organisers

Wairarapa Youth Council

The Wairarapa Youth Council would like to welcome you to the Masterton District and to the Lower North Island Youth Council Conference 2014.

The Wairarapa Youth Council is a special group specific to this rural region as we span across three Territorial Authorities. It is a large area to cover and our Youth Council has their work cut out for them but, they do an amazing job and have achieved great successes in their time.

It's a great honour to be able to hold the Youth Council Conference 2014 and meet other Youth Groups who are achieving great things in their communities and to support those who inspire to. It is important for young people to participate in issues and have a voice in decisions made affecting them in their communities. We hope you travel safe and enjoy your venture staying here in Masterton and look forward to working with you at conference.

Mayors Welcome



It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to Masterton to attend the Lower North Island Youth Council Conference 2014, along with your supporters and the organisers who have made this event possible.

The Conference is a two-day event and will cover a range of topics that I am sure will be both enjoyable and beneficial.

For those of you who have travelled to this event from out-

of-town, I am confident you will enjoy your stay in our community and receive a warm welcome wherever you go. Wairarapa is a rural region made up of three Territorial Authorities, of which Masterton is one. The area stretches from Mt Bruce in the north to as far south as the Rimutaka Ranges. Masterton is a wonderful town with plenty for visitors to see and do and I hope you will get to experience some of what we have to offer while you are here. I look forward to the opportunity of meeting you all.

Lyn Patterson
Mayor of Masterton

About Conference

Wairarapa Youth Council chose key aspects they wished to cover in the Youth Council Conference 2014. These were; Connect Community, Leadership, Communication, Youth Engagement, Youth Participation, and Youth Parliament. We hope with the lineup of speakers and workshops we have been able to cover all these areas. One specific interest was to look at what other Youth Councils/Groups were up to in their districts so we have created an opportunity on the first day for six Youth Councils to present to the conference group. It's a great way to share ideas and initiatives between the youth participants and inspire others to become creatively involved in their communities. It's great to be able to utilize this time for the youth to share their achievements and successes, getting to know and support each other making them aware of the tools and skill sets they already have.

The formal dinner was a way to further encourage communication between the groups and for them to relax in a youth friendly environment while enjoying some local Wairarapa youth talent.

Vision and Goals of Conference

Our vision for the youth attending conference is to go away inspired. Inspired to be leaders, to encourage youth participation and overall advocate the inclusion of youth voices within their local communities. Get more involved. No idea is a dumb idea. Let the speakers share their experiences with you to give you the tools and skills required to bring your ideas to life. Further to this is to increase understanding about local and national government. What are your rights and how you as a young person can affect positive change in a political playground, not only for today but, for future youth generations.

Accommodation



College House - Wairarapa

Wairarapa College Hostel is conveniently located at 55 Renall Street and close to central Masterton. The college house grounds are surrounded by mature native trees and landscaped gardens. It is quiet, peaceful and picturesque. Hostel also includes recreational facilities such as; Games Room, Television and Common Room.

The options for this accommodation are:

5 bed unit (including shower and toilet) - Max 5 people per unit (6 units), ideal for small groups 3 – 5 people.

Family Flat (self contained) 1 x double room 2 x twin single - Ideal for a small group travelling together.

Dormitory type accommodation - ideal for the larger groups. We have boys and girls accommodation so can split by gender as needed.

This accommodation is \$30pp per night and includes breakfast.

The units will be booked on a first in first served bases, if you would like this accommodation please state that on your registration form or contact Glenda or Sarah.



Copthorne Hotel and Resort (Solway Park, Masterton)

The Copthorne Hotel and Resort Solway Park is set in 24 acres of landscaped parklands, native bush and fragrant gardens, on the outskirts of Masterton, Wairarapa's largest town

Trust House is one of the supporters of this conference and as a supporter they have come up with a group deal for anyone attending. We can offer a special rate for Conference attendees of \$135 per room per night (rooms are double or twin share – 2 people max per room). Book by contacting the Reservations Team on **0800 SOLWAY**, quoting “**Youth Conference**”.

Other Accommodation options:

The Highway Man Motel
<http://www.highwayman.co.nz>

Amble In Motel
<http://www.ambleinn.co.nz>

Discovery Motor Lodge
<http://www.discovery.co.nz>

Information

The Conference Venue:

Masterton Town Hall, housed in the Municipal Building is located at 22 Perry Street, Masterton. The Masterton Town Hall is a spacious venue used for dances, conferences, displays, weddings and stage shows. The entire conference and evening dinner will be based at this venue.

Parking: Free/Paid public parking is available at various locations near the venue.

Registrations:

Although we have tried to keep the cost as minimal as possible, we do have to charge a registration fee of \$80(GST included) per person attending. This fee includes

- All Morning and Afternoon Teas
- Lunches for both days
- Monday evening meal Buffet Dinner

You will receive a confirmation email on receipt of your registration, and an official tax invoice will be posted to you. Payment will be required prior to the conference commencement date.

Final Registration Date:

All registrations must be completed and returned to the Youth Team, youthteam@connectingcommunities.org.nz no later than 23rd June 2014.

Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations received after 5th July 2014 will incur a \$40 per person cancellation fee.

Monday Night 'FORMAL' Dinner:

This will be held at the Masterton Town Hall from 6:30pm onwards. Formal dress is required. This is a time for the youth to mix and mingle. The dinner will be a buffet style including vegetarian and gluten free options followed by a mix of youth and wannabe youth talent to keep us entertained. The evenings events will conclude by 9:30pm.

Special Requirements:

Any attendees with specific requirements (for instance, prescribed medical diets, disabled access etc) are asked to advise details via the Registration Form. If you require any further help with accommodation please contact Glenda or Sarah youthteam@connectingcommunities.org.nz or phone (06) 378 8900

Youth Council Presentations:

There is an opportunity for 5 Youth Councils to do 15 minute presentations on the first day to the conference group. This will be for the Youth Council's to share their stories and events and things they have been achieving in their communities. If your Youth Council is interested in filling one of these five spaces then please let us know as soon as possible.

Time:

We have a very tight timetable throughout the conference. What we ask is that everyone is conscious of this. Please be respectful and keep to the times listed, as not to disturb the continuity of the speakers and workshops.

This is a smoke and alcohol free event

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Time Table

Monday 14th July

- 10:00 - Mayoral opening
- 10:15 - YOCO Meet 'n' Greet/morning tea.
- 10:30 - 15 minute presentations by 5 Youth Councils
- 12:00 - Workshop 1 – Ministry of Youth Development
Youth Leadership Training
- 1:00 - Lunch
- 1:30 - Keynote Speaker - Jason Pemberton
Christchurch Student Volunteer Army
- 2:30 - Workshop 2 – Cam & Liam from Ultimate Access (IHeartRadio)
Social Media: The benefits on how to engage
- 4:00 - Finish
- 6:30 - Dinner and entertainment

Tuesday 15th July

- 9:00 - Workshop 3 – Kieran McAnulty, Ana Coffey, Michelle White
Local, National & Youth Parliament
- 10:30 - Morning tea
- 10:45 - Keynote Speaker - Billy Graham
- 11:45 - Lunch
- 12:15 - Workshop 3 – Artem Axenov
Leadership & Communication Skills
- 1:45 - Close Conference
- 2:00 - Finish

Attention Youth Council/Group Coordinators

Monday 14th July

Coordinators please feel free to attend workshops and speakers

Tuesday 15th July

10:30 - 1:30pm Coordinators Workshop

Speakers

Billy Graham



A world class international speaker, Billy Graham is New Zealand's best-loved motivator and fitness advisor. Bold, humorous and brimming over with energy and enthusiasm, Billy is passionate about inspiring people to increase their potential. He stresses the importance of combining a healthy body with a healthy attitude and of making the most of every opportunity, talking to a wide cross-section of the community from the business executive to NZ Police, through to school children. Billy delights in telling stories of his own to show that anyone can make it. Having left school unable to read or write, Billy took up butchering, later teaching at three New Zealand colleges, and developing his own business as an international motivational speaker and fitness advisor. He has spoken at some of the most prestigious guest platforms in the world, having delivered

keynote presentations in the UK, USA, Singapore, Malaysia and Australia. He has appeared numerous times on national television, in local and national newspapers and radio. No small achievement for a dyslexic who left school at 14! Having spent a lifetime involved in sport and physical fitness, Billy has designed a unique fitness product complete with endorsements from the US Air Force Academy and Floyd Patterson; ex-world heavy weight champion. A former New Zealand and Australasian light welterweight boxing champion, Billy has achieved success through goal setting and determination. In January 2006 Billy established the Naenae Boxing Academy; a charitable work which is the fulfilment of a life-long dream to have his own boy's club in his troubled home town of Naenae. Billy trains up to 80 young men three days a week; a large number of whom are at serious risk, out of his desire to make a difference and provide for others what was provided for him. In 2011 Billy received the national title of New Zealander of the Year Local Hero for outstanding service to the nation. Published in 2012 Billy's second book 'Making Champion Men', based on his experiences mentoring Kiwi youth, was chosen for presentation to international publishers at the 2013 Frankfurt International Book Fair. Billy is having a significant impact on a supportive community. He loves people! His warm and enthusiastic presentation captivates business executives and children alike.

Jason Pemberton



Jason was involved with Christchurch's Student Volunteer Army from the beginning, eventually co-founding The Concert and the Volunteer Army Foundation to continue the initial momentum. After two years of leading these organisations Jason now fills his time in governance roles, contracting to Volunteer Army Foundation and speaking, singing and playing guitars.

The Concert: In 2012 the Volunteer Army Foundation created an initiative designed to lure youth into experiencing volunteer activity, based on RockCorps. On Saturday the 3rd of November, 2012, hosted a 10 hour music event at the New AMI Stadium in Addington, Christchurch. The catch? The only way to get a ticket was to volunteer at least four hours of time on any one of over 900 volunteer projects and events advertised through the custom built website. The functionality of this website now still exists in the 'Get Involved' section of the volunteer army foundation.

Workshops Facilitators

Artem Axenov



Artem Axenov is a 20 year old student at Victoria University of Wellington in his final year of a Bachelor of Commerce degree majoring in Management and Economics.

In 2011 Artem became involved with Rotaract, a youth club sponsored by Rotary. After being a President of the Wellington club, he became the Rotaract representative for the lower north island and is now focusing on growing Rotaract and engagement with the community. Artem has been trained in NZ and overseas on leadership and communication through his time with Rotaract and has honed many of these skills during his work. His studies of management supplement the training received to achieve the best outcomes. Passing on knowledge has been an important part of Artem's role as Rotaract district representative and he has excelled at building teams and empowering young people when working on projects.

In his spare time Artem enjoys music, photography, his cat, travelling and most recently playing the piano.

Kieran McAnulty



Kieran McAnulty is the Labour Candidate for Wairarapa. His family have lived in the Wairarapa for five generations. He was schooled in Carterton and Masterton, and went to university at Massey and Otago. After a stint playing rugby in Ireland, Kieran has returned home to Wairarapa with his Irish wife, a BA in Politics, an MA in Political Positioning and Communications and a Diploma in Business Administration. He is involved in Politics because regions like Wairarapa need a voice. Politics gives people a voice. The decisions that are made through Politics affects each and every one of us. At 29, Kieran has been involved in the Labour Party for 11 years. After seeing the good things politics can achieve he wishes he got involved at a younger age. It is never too early.

Ana Coffey



Ana Coffey was elected to Porirua City Council in 2010 and is currently the Deputy Mayor of a city where almost 40% of the population are under the age of 25. She has worked with young people for almost 20 years. Previously she has been a primary school teacher and youth leader. Ana continues to engage with Porirua through her work as a dance teacher and also as a mum of four young children. She sees her role at the council as a way to advocate for young people and encourage participation in local decision making.

Michelle White



My name is Michelle White and I have worked at the Minister of Youth Development (MYD) since October 2012. I am currently in the role of National Youth Participation Advisor, but previously I was the Event Coordinator for Youth Parliament 2013.

Held in July 2013, Youth Parliament involved 141 young people coming to Parliament for two days. Prior to the event, Youth Members of Parliament engaged with their communities to bring their views to Parliament. During the two day event they sat on Select Committees, engaged in debate and asked questions of Cabinet Ministers. I am passionate about young people being supported to be actively involved in their communities and one of the best things about working at MYD is hearing and seeing the amazing things young people do to contribute to our society.

Cam Mansel



Hey I'm Cam my passion is entertaining people, I thrive on inspiring people to believe in themselves. After completing high school I studied Radio at The New Zealand Broadcasting School. Since then I have completed an internship with ZM and am now working for iHeart Radio where I launch Ultimate Access. I have a really weird taste in music. I love finding new music and sharing new music with people. Ultimate Access enables me to share new music, entertain and inform people about what is happening in the world. For me I love being the thing people look forward to when they get out of school. I am really looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible at the Lower North Island Youth Council Conference!

Liam McEwan



Liam is a radio host on Ultimate Access on iHeartRadio, which broadcasts from Auckland, New Zealand. He along with Cam Mansel hosts a weekly three hour daily show, with a focus on music, entertainment, and interviews.

Liam began his radio career by presenting a Sunday morning show on Devonport community radio station, The Flea FM since early 2009 at the age of 13, and watch his show grow to gain an international listener base, with listener numbers ranging from 60,000 - 65,000 each week, either listening live, or via podcast. This makes it the most listened to show on a community station worldwide.

In 2013, the New Zealand Herald dubbed Liam New Zealand's third most influential Tweeter. Listener participation plays a big part during Ultimate Access. Both Liam and Cam use Twitter account as a way to keep in touch with listeners, and to take listener requests.

Conference Sponsors



A big thank you to all the local sponsors Masterton District Council, Connecting Communities Wairarapa, Police Blue Light, Trust House and to the Ministry of Youth Development who have helped to support the Lower North Island Youth Council Conference 2014.

The Wairarapa Youth Council and the Connecting Communities Youth Team have been the key developers in establishing and organising this event.

Connecting Communities Wairarapa holds the two Masterton Youth Development Coordinators. Our roles are to ensure Youth Development for all Young People residing within the Wairarapa working closely with Masterton, Carterton and South Wairarapa District Councils.

The Youth Team does this by developing programmes, workshops, conferences and events all focused around youth needs, encouraging youth participation in decision making, project management and implementation.

As Youth Development Coordinators we also facilitate the Wairarapa Youth Council enabling youth voices in local government while supporting other local youth services and youth groups within our communities.

Its been a great opportunity for us to work closely with our local Youth Council. We know this event will be a success. We hope you enjoy your stay here with us in the Wairarapa and look forward to meeting you on the day.