

## **2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT**

### **MR DAVE MARRA, 198 YOUTH HEALTH – “SMART ARTS” PROJECT**

Mr Dave Marra of 198 Youth Health Centre and Ms Penny Eames of Arts Access Aotearoa briefed the Committee on the “Smart Arts” programme being established by 198 Youth Health in conjunction with the Action Works programme of the Canterbury Development Corporation.

The purpose of this scheme was to provide for both the health and employment requirements of young people by involving and motivating them through use of the arts, provide for their needs in a holistic manner, make them employable and increase self-confidence.

Mr Marra indicated that the objective of the programme was to break the cycle of poor health, poverty and benefit reliance, and approximately 800 potential clients existed for the programme.

Ms Penny Eames gave background to her involvement over the last 15-16 years in partnership with health and justice professionals, and confirmed the support of Arts Access Aotearoa for this programme.

The opportunity was then taken for members to ask questions of the deputation and to advise them of the appropriate Council staff for liaison.

### **PROJECT TO COUNTER DISCRIMINATION ASSOCIATED WITH MENTAL ILLNESS**

Mr Andy Compton, Ms Sue Turner, Ms Frances Anderson and Ms Sarah Shaughnessy spoke regarding the project to counter the stigma and discrimination associated with mental illness in the Christchurch area.

They defined the role of the group, its structure and issued an invitation to Councillors to attend the community forums which they held on a six-weekly basis.

It was **agreed** that the dissemination of appropriate information to Council housing tenants be investigated and details of the forum dates advised to interested Councillors.