

11. ASIAN RESEARCH “VOICES OF ASIAN YOUTH”

The Board received the outcomes of a (three Board-sponsored) research project which sought to identify issues, concerns and needs of Asian high school students aged 13 to 19 in the Shirley/Papanui, Fendalton/Waimairi and Riccarton/Wigram wards.

Some key findings from the research were:

- isolation (within own ethnic groups)
- current levels of community support networks
- need for orientation for the new country/culture/environment (even though schools provided support systems)
- lack of recreational opportunities
- language and cultural barriers

The Board **decided** to support the establishment of a working party to consider the research recommendation and its implementation.

Neville Bennett was appointed as the Board representative on the working party.