

**11. ASIAN YOUTH WORKING PARTY
(ex VOICES OF ASIAN YOUTH RESEARCH PROJECT)**

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The purpose of this report is to update Board members on progress with the Asian Youth Working Party, which was established at the conclusion of the research project (January 1999) and in particular to the International Youth Club development.

The Working Party was established in May 1999, the focus being the recommendations identified in the research. Members will recall each of the three Community Boards involved nominated a representative. Mike Wall and Yiyi Ku represent the Fendalton/Waimairi area. The Working Party also constitute representatives from local schools, various Asian communities and Council staff.

PROGRESS TO DATE

The following initiatives are currently being worked through

- Orientation information booklet – for Asian students new to the city.
- Immigration – looking at ways to improve communication and information/liaison between immigration and young Asian students.
- Accessible and safe social and recreational opportunities
- Asian languages – on computer CD Rom at libraries.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CLUB

Planning is currently well underway to establish the above club. The initiative is driven by a local Asian woman Terri McFedries, who is keen to respond to research recommendations regarding the “lack of accessible and safe social opportunities for young people”. With support from Council staff, local ESOL teachers and the young people themselves, this is currently a very exciting initiative.

The Club will have an international focus and be inclusive regarding cultural backgrounds and activities. A planning meeting with young students was held on 10 September 1999 with 30 young people in attendance. It is envisaged that social and recreational activities will begin in the next holiday break. There is currently a need for some funding support/setting up costs. It is envisaged once established the programme will be self funding.

FUNDING

The Shirley/Papanui Community Board have set aside \$5,000 towards implementation of recommendations in the above project, and the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board have set aside \$3,000. The Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board had earlier provided \$450 towards the cost of the information/orientation booklet which unfortunately was not able to be carried forward into this financial year.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the Board allocate \$3,500 from its 1999/2000 discretionary funds towards implementing the outcomes in the above project.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the foregoing recommendations be adopted.