

6. "TILT" YOUTH FESTIVAL

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The purpose of this report is to provide additional information in support of our Annual Plan bid for \$40,000 for the "TILT" Youth Festival

The inaugural TILT Youth Festival ran from 7-15 April, 2000 and featured 53 events. It was an initiative of the Youth 2000 Advisory Group of Turning Point 2000 and was designed following consultation with young people 14-18 years. Findings of the consultation concluded that Christchurch's events and festivals programme does not in the main appeal to young people and that the young people interviewed had a great enthusiasm for a festival "of their own".

The aims of the festival were:

- (i) To promote accessible, exciting, positive and safe entertainment options and experiences for youth from a wide range of backgrounds.
- (ii) To provide an opportunity for youth to experience new activities and develop new skills.
- (iii) To provide a vehicle to educate youth about the availability of youth organisations, agencies and services that provide support and opportunities for youth.

Activities provided ranged from concerts and performances to dance parties, demonstrations and workshops and "have a go" activities such as skateboarding and learning to fly. Feedback from young people who attended the festival was very encouraging, with over 12,000 attending. In addition youth agencies and activity providers and sponsors have expressed enthusiasm about being involved should the TILT Festival be run again.

Funding is requested to stage the TILT Youth Festival in April/May 2002 and thereafter as an annual event.

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