

28. UPDATE ON YOUTH INITIATIVES FACILITATORS

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The purpose of this report is to update the board on the work of the Youth Initiatives Facilitators (Manu Paringatai and Rebecca Duell). The Youth Initiatives Facilitators are funded by the Community Board (project fund) and are employed by 198 Youth Health.

There were a number of recommendations outlined in the report written by the Youth Initiatives Facilitators (YIFs) (Proposals from Young People. Duell and Paringatai. 2002), presented to the Community Board on 30 January 2002 and recommendations discussed by the Community, Policy and Finance Committee on 18 February 2002. The report was widely circulated, well received and has resulted in a lot of community interest and very positive feedback. This included Manu and Rebecca being interviewed on CTV about the process and the result.

The local community was keen to see some of the recommendations actioned and for youth in the areas of Linwood, Woolston, Phillipstown, and possibly wider, to be catered for. To assist with this the community has set up a Trust. The purpose of this trust, Youth Initiatives Trust – Ka Whakaaro o ka Rakatahi, is to assist youth to realise their potential and make empowered choices that affect change for the future. There will be a formal launch of the Trust on 12 June.

The Trust is prepared to work with the YIFs to make the Youth Café (one of the recommendations of the Proposals from Young People report) something that the youth can achieve with the appropriate assistance. Attached is a diagram of the relationship that the Trust has with the YIFs and the wider community. The following groups have been attending the meetings regarding the Trust: Nga hau e Wha, 198 Youth Health Trust, the Police, Linwood Resource Centre, Phillipstown Community Centre, Linwood Intermediate School and Purnell, Creighton and McGowan.

The work of the YIFs, since the completion of the report, has been focussed on the Youth Café. The development of the café is going to be a long process if it is to be done well. The YIFs have been gathering a group of young people together to form a Youth Café Committee. They are holding a public meeting on 18 June to address any concerns from the public and to inform them of the progress to date. The YIFs have been assisting in the development of a business plan for the café. This is due for completion at the end of May or early June.

The YIFs are also committing some time towards assisting with the LYFE festival.

The agreement with 198 Youth Health regarding the employment of the YIFs has been reviewed and renewed without any issues arising or changes to the agreement being made.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

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Recommendation: That the information be received and Manu and Rebecca be thanked for the work they are doing.