

15. UPCOMING YOUTH RELATED CONFERENCE



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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board about a forthcoming conference concerning young people and raise the possibility of Board representation at the conference.

YOUTH IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT: DUNEDIN 4-7 JULY 2004

This biennial event provides an opportunity for elected members, Council staff, community organisations, researchers, policy makers and young people from throughout New Zealand to meet together to discuss issues related to involving young people in their local communities.

The 2004 conference themes are "Participation - Youth in the City" which will examine young people's participation in community and civic affairs, "Sustainable Futures" which will explore young people's participation in addressing environmental and social issues, and "Youth Employment" which will investigate issues concerning youth employment.

The estimated attendance costs for the conference will be approximately \$650 per person (including travel and accommodation).

At the Council meeting on 26 February 2004, the Council agreed to the attendance of Councillor Megan Evans at the conference and encouraged the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board and the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board to consider approving the attendance of George Hampton and/or Yani Johanson respectively.

Other Christchurch Community Boards are considering Board member or sponsored youth attendance at the conference.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board consider whether to have representation at the Youth in Local Government Conference 2004.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the Board support the attendance of a representative at the Youth in Local Government Conference in Dunedin from 4-7 July 2004.