

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Venue Committee Room 2, 101 Wakefield St, Wellington
When 4.00 - 5.30 pm, 16 April 2014
Present
Members: Amanda Yong, Bing-Ying Lou, Brittany Hogan, Daisy Lutyens, Erin Lockhart, Jack Marshall, Sean Johnson
Officers: Simon Wright (Consultation and Engagement)
Guests: Andie Moore, Timothy Rutherford, Simon Makero (Evolve)

Minutes

1. Opening

Jack welcomed everyone.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ben Oglivie, Maddie Bell, Morgan Watkins, Oliver Michie, Siobhan Davies, Cr Woolf and Cr Marsh.

3. What's on top

Everyone shared an important thing that is going on in their life with the group.

It was noted that Loomio had achieved its goal of raising \$100,000 to develop the Loomio online decision making tool.

4. Conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. Previous minutes and matters arising

Sean moved that the minutes for the previous meeting be accepted as true and correct. Amanda seconded the motion and it was passed.

6. General Business

WCC consultations

Erin and Jack will lead the development of a YC submission on the proposed Island Bay to City Cycle Route, which closes on 6 May. In previous submissions, the YC has advocated for cycle lanes that are separated from car lanes.

Jack, Sean, Erin, Daisy, Brittany and Bing will develop a YC submission on the draft Town Belt Bill, which closes on 19 May. The YC has been involved with the WCC's current Town Belt project since 1999 and is likely to also make a submission to the Parliamentary Select Committee.

The YC decided to look at making a submission on the Botanic Gardens of Wellington Draft Management Plan, which closes on 3 June, at a later date.

GWRC consultations

The YC will be making submission on the GWRC's Draft Annual Plan 2014/15 (28 April) and the Transport Plan (10 May).

WREMO visit

An informal tour of the Wellington Region Emergency Management Office (WREMO) has been arranged for the YC. This will take place at 4pm, Wednesday 23 April.

UNICEF domestic moot: “New Zealand: a great place to be a child”

The YC has been invited to nominate a person to be in a team that will debate “New Zealand: a great place to be a child” at Parliament against a team of MPs. Simon will email the YC’s 18-21 year olds to find a nominee. Simon will also ask UNICEF about whether the entire YC can attend the debate.

Skate park proposal

The Governance, Finance and Planning Committee has decided not to support the covered skate park proposal, which was detailed in the submission that was circulated to YC members. The submitters will continue to advocate for a covered skate park and may meet with the YC in the later part of 2014 when the Long Term Plan process is under way.

Video project

Sean updated the YC on progress and on the mobile video workshop at Massey. A video that was created at the workshop was shown to give the YC a sense of what is possible. A young person with a design background has volunteered to help with the project. The working group will be meeting after the YC meeting.

Advisory group review

The WCC will be presenting on the advisory group review at YC on 30 April.

Towards a youth framework/work programme

Members broke into small groups to review the WCC’s Forward Programme and identify issue of interest.

YC will continue with its work programme planning over the next few meetings.

Youth Week project

Simon Makero joined the YC to further develop a Youth Week event. Members are interested in youth mental health issues. They would like to look at how young people successfully work through conditions like depression. Given the taboo nature of mental health issues, questions were raised about who should be invited to the event. Should we invite people who have worked through issues or people who support people with issues? How would these people contribute?

7. Closing

The meeting closed at 5.35pm. Members of the video working group stayed on to develop the project further. The next YC meeting starts at 4.00pm, 30 April 2014 in Committee Room 2.

Decision and Action Summary

1. Simon to email the YC’s 18-21 year olds to find a nominee for the UNICEF Parliamentary debate
2. Simon to ask UNICEF about whether the entire YC can attend the Parliamentary debate