

# WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting 6 May 2009

### Present:

Jack Marshall  
Nigel Smith  
Katelin Bull  
Dipti Manchanda  
Annelise Havill  
Stevenson Pule  
Zoe Doole  
Rebecca Bullen  
Katja Heesterman  
Intisar Muketar  
Ben Ogilvie  
Duncan Armstrong  
Nurul Sultan

Mark Farrar  
Georgina Rhoades

### Apologies:

Elesha Edmonds, Tapiwa Bururu, Hayley Wain

### Welcome:

- Georgie opened the meeting

### Library feedback:

Kini Piper from Wellington Libraries came to get feedback on the issues for teenagers that libraries can provide information on in their proposed workgroups. They also need information on how and where to start looking for the information.

The six main ideas were:

1. 'Food Glorious Food'
2. 'Finding Funds'
3. 'Home Sweet Home'
4. 'Work and Wage'
5. 'Finding your Wheels'
6. 'Safe in the City'

- Youth council think the budgeting, staying safe in the city and driver licence groups would be very useful
- Kini raised the point of concern of not all the above topics relating to everyone and Youth Council suggested having young people who have been through the issues/experiences to share opinions and tips.
- Georgie will email Youth Council the times of the planning meetings held at the library.

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

- Dipti accepted the Minutes of the Previous Meeting as a true and correct record. Ben seconded this.

### **Activity:**

- Round the room with each member answering two questions
  - What do you enjoy about Youth Council?
  - What motivated you to join Youth Council?

### **8<sup>th</sup> April minutes follow up:**

- Duncan's survey group have not met yet, will organise a time between meetings
- Zoe's calendar looks great, two more dates were added to it
- Slum city group have not contacted any Youth Council volunteers
- Facebook Page: one group for Youth Council access only and another page for a Youth Council organisation that public can join. This organisation will be moderated and maintained by Youth Council members.

### **Debrief of Engage:**

#### What worked well?

- Moving around the focus groups was effective as everyone had a chance to share on the different topics.
- Each group had different views on each of the topic
- The relevance of the 'stereotype' group was raised, the group discussed the purpose of it
- LTCCP groups went well, Jamie from the LTCCP group was happy with feedback from the groups
- Lunch went really well- the food was good, and had a chance to talk with the people present
- Great that people were still interested by the afternoon
- Good variety of activities in the second half of the day
- Youtube videos were effective as they kept the group motivated

Youth Council members discussed the possibility of having more events for young people to come and discuss youth issues together. A suggestion was made to hold youth forums more regularly so young people can interact.

Questions were:

1. How to get diverse young people to discuss common issues?
2. What is done with the information?

### Changes?

- Have a different person to open the day as young people found the deputy mayors speed boring. Suggestion was made that a Youth Counsellor should do it.

### Information:

- Discussion was had about how the Youth Council is going to summarise the information and how they will communicate to the young people who attended.
- The decision was made that the members from each focus group is going to collate their information and report back at the next Youth Council meeting.

### **Teachathon Survival Challenge:**

Annelise and other students from her school are running this event on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2009. Youth Council were asked if anyone has any contacts to help with spot prizes, sponsorship and volunteers to assist with activities throughout the event.

### **LTCCP Submission:**

Youth Council decided they want to make a submission to the LTCCP, Zoe, Ben, Rebecca and Nurul are going to meet next week to organise this.

### **Phillipe Legrain**

What: A Conversation with Young People: Diversity & its economic benefits  
When: 13<sup>th</sup> May 2009, 4-6pm  
Where: The New Dowse, Laings Rd Lower Hutt.  
FREE!

### **Youth Week:**

Numerous events taking place in Wellington, check out the Youth Week website: [www.youthweek.co.nz](http://www.youthweek.co.nz) for all the details.

Youth Council to take part in a 'Breakfast with the Counsellors', possible date is 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 7.30am. Georgie to check details with Mark and will report back at the next meeting.

**Next meeting: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**