

MEETING MINUTES	
YOUTH COUNCIL	
MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2025	6.00 pm



Minutes of a meeting of the Youth Council held on Monday 17 February 2025, which commenced at 6.00 pm, Te Āhuru Mōwai, Manawatu Community Hub Libraries, Pātiki Tahuaroa room.

Present:

Kaea Tahi-Martin	Kyle England
Kahupounamu Potaka	Rose Jeffery
Carlota Ramirez	Aislinn Kuriger
Mackenzie Carman	Lavara Makutu
Finn Macdonald	Sam McLean
Madeleine Lloyd	Wiremu Bray
Ruth Doyle	
Annie Coogan	

Attended:

Joey Mckechnie	(Youth Engagement Co-ordinator)
Cr Lara Blackmore	(MDC Liaison Councillor)
Tori Short	(Staff Governance Support)
Eric Schuster	(Community Support)
Barbara Bowling	(Community Support)

Apologies: Briar Higgle

YC 22-25/302

MEETING OPENING

Kahu opened the meeting with karakia.

YC 22-25/303

APOLOGIES

Briar Higgle.

YC 22-25/304

Lara shared some photos and spoke about her upbringing, jobs etc.

YC 22-25/305

YOUTH COUNCIL ROLES – VOTING

Each Youth Councillor did an anonymous vote for the 2025 positions. Tori added these together.

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Chair - Kahu
Deputy Chair - Kaea
Finance - Ruth
Marketing/Social Media - Maddie & Maca
Alumni - Aislinn
H&S - Kyle

YC 22-25/306

HELEN KING

Helen spoke about her role at MDC regarding funding, grants, committees.

YC 22-25/307

ACTIVITIES IN 2025

Joey spoke about which events we want to hold for 2025.

- Youth Market – dates and location to be confirmed. 19th July/ 26th July
- Youth week May 19th-25th

Some ideas are:

1. Youth Leadership & Empowerment Workshop
2. 'Take Our Place' – Youth Talent & Expression Showcase
3. Community Action Day
4. Mental Health & Wellbeing Hui
5. 'Take Our Place' Youth Panels & Discussions
6. Sport & Active Play Event (with Sport NZ funding)
7. Cultural Celebration Night
8. 'Take Our Place' Youth Market
9. 'Youth Speak' Open Mic & Slam Poetry Night
10. Interactive Art & Music Jam

- Young Achievers 15th September 2025

There is up to \$1000 funding we could potentially be eligible for. This closes March 16th

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GENERAL BUSINESS

Joey discussed ideas for this year, as inspiring stories is no longer.

As a group we discussed wanting more leadership and workshops for youth.

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Kahu asked for an update on fidget toys.

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MEETING CLOSURE

Kahu closed the meeting at 7.20 pm with karakia.

The next meeting of the Manawatū District Youth Council will be held at Te Āhuru Mōwai (Manawatu Community Hub Libraries), the Pātiki Tahuaroa room, on **Monday 03 March 2025** at 6:00 pm.