

MEETING MINUTES	
YOUTH COUNCIL	
MONDAY 17 MARCH 2025	6.01pm



Minutes of a meeting of the Youth Council held on Monday 17 March 2025, which commenced at 6.01pm, Te Āhuru Mōwai, Manawatu Community Hub Libraries, Pātiki Tahuaroa room.

Present: Kahupounamu Potaka (Chair) Carlota Ramirez
Kaea Tahi-Martin (Deputy Chair) Darren Wijerathna
Ruth Doyle (Finance Officer)
Mackenzie Carman (Marketing/Social Media)
Madeleine Lloyd (Marketing/Social Media)
Kyle England (Health and Safety Officer)
Aislinn Kuriger (Alumni Liaison Officer)

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

Apologies: Rose Jeffery, Finn Macdonald, Brair Higgle, Sam Mclean, Barbara Bowling

YC 22-25/320

MEETING OPENING

Kahu opened the meeting with karakia.

YC 22-25/321

APOLOGIES

Rose, Finn, Briar, Sam & Barbara

YC 22-25/322

JEENA BAINES – DATA, INSIGHTS AND RESEARCH ANALYST

Jeena showed us collated graphs that were relevant to our country, district and youth.

We went over the different languages and countries in our district between 0-24yr olds.

When then looked into education and attendance for our youth.

Along with crime and smoking statistics, which we found the most interesting.

YC 22-25/323

SUBMISSIONS

Lara spoke about the freedom camping bylaw submission as well as the local water done well submission. We discussed the different options and conversated around this. It would be great if youth put in their own submissions for these.

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YC 22-25/324

YOUTH WEEK

We have agreed on Spark that Chat, but are yet to confirm a date, location and funding.

YC 22-25/325

LEADERSHIP DAY

This was going to be held on March 22nd, but will be cancelled due to lack of numbers.

YC 22-25/326

GENERAL BUSINESS

Macca asked about getting credits from school. Joey and Kahu are hoping to meet Mr Price this week (careers advisor) at FAHS.

Lara and Aislinn are hopefully going to meet with past YC members to discuss if the Alumni Liaison Officer is a worthwhile role and if so, what will this look like.

Joey recapped on Family Fun day. About 3000 people came through. Everything was free.

YC 22-25/327

MEETING CLOSURE

Kahu closed the meeting at 6.58pm 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 7th April 2025** at 6:00 pm.