



Welcome to our term two newsletter.

We are currently trying out a new format and we would love to hear your feedback. So feel free to get in touch using the details below.

This term we ran two events: Quick Fire Connections for local youth and employers and a new initiative ‘Employer Think Tank’ which encouraged likeminded employers to discuss their collective thoughts around the future workforce - more info on page three.

Also next term we will be running our Year 11 Industry Big Day Out.

We hope you enjoy this read and look forward to receiving your feedback!

Our Core Focus



Provide community **EVENTS** connecting our youth & businesses



Co-ordinate regional
YOUTH EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAMME: Licence to Work (L2W)



Establish & maintain
RELATIONSHIPS with youth-friendly businesses within our community

Important dates

TERM 3

Year 11 Industry Big Day Out

Date: 31 July, 2019

Time: 10.00am – 2.00pm

Venue: UCOL & various business locations

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What's been happening?



Quick Fire Connections



Recently fifteen local Wairarapa employers came together at Carterton Events Centre with 60 young people for an afternoon of **Quick Fire Connections**.

Quick Fire Connections events are designed to get employers and students talking about work. The groups practised job interview questions and talked about what's possible in the world of work in Wairarapa. After the 'round robin' format students and employers all got to speak with a much larger group than might otherwise have been possible.

Maria McKenzie, one of the YETE team who organised the event said, 'this was a great opportunity all round – the employers got to see the excitement and enthusiasm of the students and the students got to see the employers as real people who are keen to help them discover their future. There was a real buzz in the room as people got down to business and explored opportunities in a low risk way.'

Employers came from McDonalds, The Clareville Bakery, Carroll's Joinery, MB Brown, Carterton District Council, ANZ Bank, Powershop, Southey Sayer Accounting, Connecting Communities Wairarapa, Neighbourhood Support, Transit Coachlines Ltd, Breadcraft Wai Ltd, Lamberts Engineering, Kintyre Meats and Escarpment Wines.

A group of volunteers from YETE worked for a couple of months to get the event going. Gerry Brooking, a volunteer member from Carterton District Council, said 'we were very pleased to help YETE bring the young people and the employers together. The look of anticipation dissolved to relief on many faces as they realised this was actually an enjoyable experience!'

The event supports young people from Wairarapa to have increased skills and confidence to take part in interviews and seek employment. It is also an opportunity for students to find out about work experience or employment opportunities in a range of industries.

Participating colleges included Mākoura, Kuranui, Wairarapa, Wairarapa Teen Parent Unit, Ponatahi Christian School and also included students from Achievement NZ, Youth Services and The Ministry Of Social Development - through the Youth Placement Programme.

The YETE team would like to thank the businesses for giving up their time and being youth friendly employers. Also thank you to the young people for taking part. We would also like to acknowledge the support of Business Wairarapa and the Carterton Events Centre.



Employers' Think Tank

What gets in the way of getting employers and young people connecting up for work experience or other pre-job opportunities? A group of seven employers met at the end of May to share their views with Barbara Gladding and Maria Hodges from YETE and Tracey Shepherd from REAP. Tracey explained 'it's important that we keep connected with employers who are keen to work with young people. Some local businesses have very long histories of preparing young people for work, and we're keen to listen to those employers, and also those with new ideas who we may not have thought about yet'.



The group was invited to come and share their views in an attempt to find out what else can be done to make opportunities work for everyone involved. It seems that we may need to think 'outside the square' a little more when making opportunities available for young people and think about removing barriers to participation, such as transport.

Health and Safety barriers may not be all that difficult to get over, as long as we keep everyone's interests in mind and ensure that young people are prepared for the hazards that exist in the workplaces they visit. Being part of a site-specific health and safety briefing, as any visitor or new employee to a workplace would, is critical. And tailoring an experience that meets everyone's expectations is important as well.

The group felt that the session was worthwhile and were keen to continue the dialogue with each other. Tina Craig from Oha Honey said, 'I didn't realise that there were other people locally who think as I do, and it was great to share ideas with like-minds'.

YETE Meetings

ACTION GROUP

Date: **16 August**
Time: 1.00 - 3.00pm
Venue: REAP House

Date: **13 September**
Time: 1.00 - 3.00pm
Venue: REAP House

Date: **18 October**
Time: 1.00 - 3.00pm
Venue: REAP House

Strategic Team 1

NOTE: July meeting was postponed.
Further information later.

Date: **16 August**
Time: 11.30am - 12.30pm
Venue: REAP House

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