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What's been happening in our AYV community this May?

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We would love to hear about any youth led initiatives that you have going on at the moment! Drop us a line at ayv@msd.govt.nz to fill us in on what is going on in your community - your contribution to your newsletter matters to us!



From the Ministry of Youth Development (MYD)

Youth Week Award recipients announced

Youth Week this year started on May 17 and ends May 25. The week has been full of engaging and informative activities throughout the country. Some led by organisations and others led by young people themselves all with one common theme 'Be the Change'.

This year, the first ever Youth Week Awards were held. Youth were acknowledged for their significant

contributions in their communities in order to recognise their work, and to inspire others.

To read more about the award recipients, check out our [website](#).

Pictured in the photo to the right are some awardees with the Minister of Youth Affairs, Hon Nikki Kaye.



Suzy and Oliver take Sri Lanka

Suzy Mckinney and Oliver Ibbetson were selected by the Ministry of Youth Development to be national youth delegates, representing New Zealand at the World Conference on Youth (WCY) in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 6-10 May 2014.

The theme of the conference was 'Mainstreaming Youth in the Post-2015 Development Agenda'. The conference aimed to create a joint outcome document between governments and youth - the 'Colombo Action Plan'.

The AYV newsletter and Facebook page often promote great opportunities like this, so remember to give us a 'like' to stay in the loop.

The pair blogged during their time away - read their blog [here](#).

The photo on the right features Oliver and Suzy with Hon Nikki Kaye, Minister of Youth Affairs.



Youth Social Enterprise

The New Zealand Government has allocated \$2.5m over three years to support youth social enterprise.

This announcement by the Minister of Youth Affairs, Hon Nikki Kaye, gives youth the opportunity to bring about social and environmental change in their communities, through entrepreneurship.

At an event at Tawa College Wellington on 22 May, the Prime Minister, Rt Hon John Key, expressed his interest in having youth, "build up knowledge and capability and take this into the workplace".

Speaking to the young people Minister Kaye said "we are keen to support Youth Social Enterprise as it will help to give young people the education, skills and confidence to succeed in life."

An example of a young enterprise product is the award winning *Orange and Ginger Jam* made by Orchard Originals, which is part of the Lion Foundation Young Enterprise Scheme. This team won the 2013 Young Enterprise Scheme Dragons Den Competition.

Hon Nikki Kaye wants to see more young people creating businesses with broader social, as well as environmental benefits.



To read the full announcement by Minister Kaye, click [here](#).



Graced with new youth space!

The Whangarei Youth Space was opened on May 2, after a long six years in the making! Northland Youth with the keen support of our Northern team have worked super hard to get this space up and running.

One of the most exciting elements of the Whangarei Youth Space is its unique governance. The governance structure has a 50/50 partnership with youth in its Trustee structure - meaning that young people have a real and significant say in decisions made about the Youth Space.

Pictured in the photo to the right is Brad Olsen, Northern Youth Advisory Group member, with Sheryl Mai, Mayor of Whangarei.



To read Brad's full article click [here](#).

Challenge 2000 in 2014

Challenge2000 is a one year full-time programme that involves many elements including NZQA youth work training, work placements and local and international travel.

The programme provides the opportunity for young people to develop social, spiritual, intellectual and work wellbeing as well as to learn about the physical elements that are needed for a positive, successful and balanced life.

Moriah Harte, aged 19 has written an article on her experiences with the programme - you can read it [here](#) by opening the link in a new tab.

To read more about Challenge2000 and how to get involved, click [here](#).



Inspired by the Aspiring Leaders Forum

On 8 May, Jonelle Woon, a member of the National Youth Advisory Group, attended the Aspiring Leaders Forum. This Forum brought together 100 young people to Wellington for four days to learn about values and faith.

Jonelle is aged 19, to read her piece on the Forum, click [here](#).



[Kaupapa Rangatahi](#)

The 'Kaupapa Rangatahi Youth Conference' was held on April 24 at Wairoa College. Jonelle Woon also attended this conference

Kaupapa is topic and rangatahi is youth, in Te Reo Maori. The kaupapa of the conference was about building positive relationships and sharing knowledge by rangatahi, for rangatahi.

You can read Jonelle's article [here](#) by opening the link in a new tab.

YROA YNOT! launched this conference, to visit their website click [here](#).



[GenZero against climate change](#)

Generation Zero kicked off in 2011. It's a youth led organisation with the central aim of providing climate change solutions for New Zealand through smarter transport, liveable cities and independence from fossil fuels.

The group's vision is to build a thriving zero carbon Aotearoa and a future safe from climate change.

Generation Zero is made up of a nation-wide network of young New Zealanders, who are doing some truly amazing work to steer New Zealand towards a low carbon future.

Simon Cross, aged 20 (featured in photo to right) is the regional financial co-ordinator of Generation Zero and has a keen passion for solving climate change, "since joining Gen Zero, I've met heaps of amazing, interesting and talented people, acquired valuable knowledge and leadership skills. We're always on the lookout for more fantastic people - if you think this sounds like you, get in touch!"

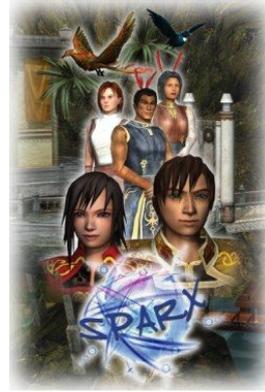


The organisation has a website with information on ways in which young people can get involved with Generation Zero. Visit their [website](#) to see how you can get involved.

[Bright sparks launch SPARX](#)

SPARX is a computer programme that can help you learn to have Smart, Positive, Active, Realistic and X-factor thoughts. Sparx was developed as part of the Prime Minister's Youth Mental Health Project, its aim is to help young people with mild to moderate depression. It can also help with stress and anxiety.

To read more about SPARX visit the website [here](#).



Minecraft® for the mind

Auckland War Memorial Museum, in collaboration with Media Design School's 'Pick & Shovel' community, has recreated ANZAC history in the form of the popular computer game, Minecraft®.

Minecraft® is popular worldwide, with over 35 million copies sold. It encourages creativity and adventure through allowing its users to break and place blocks to create a virtual world.



The Museum saw the potential for the game to be developed as a tool to help younger generations learn about World War One in a way that may resonate better with them.

Read more about the fun and educational world that is Minecraft®, [here](#).

Be in the know - submission schedule

Making a submission is your chance to present your opinions, observations and recommendations on a matter before a select committee.

Click [here](#) for further information on making a submission and to read about the current matters being considered.



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