

**Rerenga Awa | Canterbury Youth Workers Collective**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Wednesday 30th August 2023**  **12:30 pm - 02:30 pm**

**Christchurch City Mission**

**275 Hereford St, Central Christchurch**

**Christchurch, New Zealand**

**Present:** Zenn Rarere (YCD), Daniel Mataki (YCD), Trystan Swain (Youthline), Natalia Sukhith (Rerenga Awa), John Harrington (Scope), Richard Chambers (Youthtown), Tyler Ngatai (Ara Taiohi), Jenn Chowaniec (WFCT), Jess Benson (WFCT), Kris Heslin (Te Whatu Ora), Luke Gardiner (24-7YW), Lara Moses (CCC Libraries), Hamish Flynn (PYDT), Jeremy Adams (PYDT), Matt Meek (Riccarton Community Church), Susan Ward (La Vida Youth Trust), Chris Martin 4YP, Lauren Tennant (Odyssey), Lydia Newlands (Kaitiaki o Ara), Lina Leitare (Diamond Harbour YCT), Angelina Tivalu, Cynthia Webb (Youthline), Amanda Murray (Odyssey), Hannah Dunlop (Rerenga Awa), Sarah Millar (Kawai Rangatahi), Jacey Goldfinger (Rerenga Awa), Tim Perry (Rerenga Awa)

**Apologies:** David Du Preez- Youth Alive, Mike Dodge- CYS, Kevin Grimwood current treasurer, Michelle King- YCD, Jo Sherwood- Hurunui DC, Amanda Smith- TOHO, Cooper Sides.

1. **12.35pm- Blessing and Karakia – Zenn**
2. **Get Kai and Drink**
3. **Welcome & Whakawhanaunga – Tim Perry, Manager**
* **inc. Notices- Reminder of Vision**
* **Apologies:**
1. **Guest speaker-** Tim-City Mission

Tim shared the range of services City mission do including the café and new format of food bank which is more like a supermarket.

Questions were asked about the night shelter and any good stories from around the mission. Tim shared lots of great stories of people finding help, and hope and community around different aspects of the mission.

1. **Chairperson’s Report –** Amanda Murray, Chairperson

Amanda shared report as a Limerick

1. **Treasurer’s Report – Kevin Grimwood, Treasurer –** Tim shared written report and highlighted key points.
2. **Managers’ Report - Tim Perry, Manager**

Tim shared report as a poem

 Chairpersons report, Treasurers report and Managers report are accepted

 Moved: Luke Gardiner Seconded: Lara Moses All agreed

1. **Minutes of 2022s AGM –** Tim Perry

**Minutes from 2022 AGM are true and correct**

 Moved: Richard Chambers Seconded: Daniel Mataki All agreed

1. **Membership- Tim Perry**

We are in process of moving membership platform; everyone should have or will receive an email to change over to the new platform.

We currently have110 Active & prospective Members including 20 organisations.

150 inactive members- people who haven’t renewed their membership - over the next year this will be tidied up. This is down from over 300 last year as we tidy up the platform.

FYI: There have been changes to the act that governs incorporated societies re write of constitution.

Resolution: The membership agrees to allow the Board to set set membership fees for the coming year.

Moved: Richard Chambers Seconded: Angelina

1. **Elections**

Nominations have been collected prior to today, is there anyone else wanting to put up their hand?- No extras.

**Names put forward for nomination are:**

 Current board members standing again: Richard Chambers, Lara Moses, Amanda Murray, Amanda Smith, Sarah Millar, Michelle King, Lydia Newlands Kevin Grimwood

 New to the board Nominations: Kris Heslin, Jo Sherwood.

 **All present agreed to the new committee via a show of hands**. The committee for 2023 is: Richard Chambers, Lara Moses, Amanda Murray, Amanda Smith, Sarah Millar, Michelle King, Lydia Newlands Kevin Grimwood, Kris Heslin, Jo Sherwood

1. **General Business**

Any questions?- no questions were asked.

1. **Discussion on Advocacy- Tim**

As part of our strategic plan from the board was to look at what we advocate on.

I have been thinking more about it with elections coming up and seeing YP as political footballs.

In groups people wrote down what they felt were important issues that collectively we should advocate on.

 Feedback from groups:

For the Voice of Young People to be heard

 Processes & support for all youth workers- voluntary or Paid

 ‘Youth Worker’ recognition

 Accessible training

 Equipping + training of Voluntary youth workers

 2.

 Youth not attending school

Schools not equipped to deal with rise in use of aggression and social media

 What is/what should be:

 Youth workers role when…

 Things aren’t going well.

 PYD- use what works

 Social Media

 Young People on Board

 3.

 Law of voting age- Make it 16 campaign

 Push the Pledge Ara Taiohi have

 Good conditions for youth workers

 Security of long term funding

 Well targeted social spending

 Sustainability of profession.

 4.

 Community development

 More representative youth voice- not manipulated

 Pathways back into mainstream- truancy, crime, disengagement

 Youth Crime interventions

 Cost of Living

 Health + wellbeing

 5.

 Positive responses to young people

 Boot camp

 Punishment/deficit mindset

 Longer commitment to time, money for real change

 Advocating for – sustainable funding

-Retaining employees

 -Young workers retained

 Youth work seen as lower

 Fighting for change

 Youth spaces and places

 Intergenerational theft

1. **Karakia – Closing of Formal Meeting- Zenn**