

Youth Alive TRUST

Serving young people in New Brighton since 1989



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Walk on, walk on, with HOPE in your Heart...



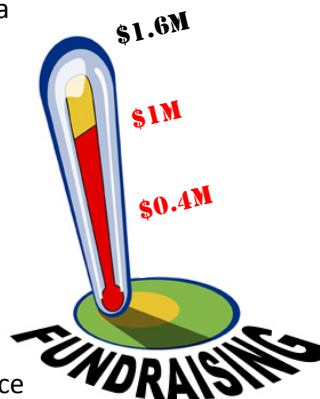
Youth Gym Artistic Impression

A new sense of HOPE and optimism is sweeping our city, as plans & dreams about what a rebuilt city will look like. We're not too interested in the bricks and mortar, but we are interested in the positive youthwork that can be done within bricks and mortar. 2014 is our 25th Birthday and we are at an advanced stage in plans for a purpose built youth & community facility as part of our present building - Grace Vineyard Beach Campus on Seaview Road/Beresford St.

This old Dollarwise Supermarket is run down and still has the look and feel of what it was initially built for. We plan to transform a large part of the building into areas that will better serve the programmes we and other groups run. Our fundraising target is \$1.6 million & with over a years worth of planning, feasibility studies and funding applications, we have just reached over \$1 million!!! See our website for full plans and updates. *Maybe you know someone who can help?*

The Plans in brief...

- Youth Gym - large multi purpose hall; higher roof, sprung wooden floor
- Youth Lounge - suitable for drop-in and set up for comfort of young people
- Crèche - under 2's & over 2's areas with childrens toilets & kitchen between them
- Music Room - for learning, practicing & recording musical instruments & bands.
- Outdoor Play Area
- Toilets
- Offices for
 - ⇒ Youthworkers
 - ⇒ Budget Advice
 - ⇒ Reception
 - ⇒ Community Info
 - ⇒ Multi Agency Office



We rely heavily on grants, contracts and donations to run our programmes. Thanks to all our regular and one-off donors. Your giving helps us make a positive difference in the lives of young people! For a full list of funders and ways in which you can support our ongoing work, please see our website...

www.yat.org.nz

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Recent Highlights

Epic Dance Party



Bringing together intermediates from 8 local schools for one EPIC night at North New Brighton's War Memorial Hall. Partnering with community groups Blue Light & RCSI.

Guys Day Out



Paintballing, Archery, Swimming and Pizza are just some of the highlights from a Boys Only Day lead by our male mentor Matt Barnes. A chance for boys to be boys!

Queenstown Camp



Forty teenagers plus their leaders spent a week in Queenstown in the July holidays. A chance to get away from Chch and see the best of NZ and build memories that last a lifetime.

Amplify Youth Band



A NEW venture by YAT to teach musical instruments and form bands that can perform. Amplify Youth Band have already done 4 live gigs since forming in May.

Bungee Fun



Hire a Horizontal Bungee for a week, take it into the local schools - see what happens! (aren't there are times you wish you were still at school...)

I Love New Brighton



Over 30 volunteers from YAT helped at one of New Brighton's largest events that celebrates our community. Over 2000 people enjoyed live bands, sports, games, markets and food.

Upcoming Events

20th Sept	EPIC Sk8 Disco
27th Sept	Eastside Youth Formal
28th Sept +	Amped Camp
30th Sept +	Holiday Programmes
7th Oct +	Amplify Music Programme
18th Oct	Art Auction
31st Oct	Family Fun Night
28th Nov	Presentation to the Community
17th Dec +	Breakaway Holiday Programme
15th Jan +	Breakaway Holiday Programme
21st Jan +	Holiday Programmes

Prisoners Art Auction



Prisoners from Canterbury's 3 prisons and community-based offenders are busy creating artwork for this year's art auction, with all funds raised going to Youth Alive Trust. Hosted at Grace Beach Campus on Friday 18 October, there will be both silent and public auctions and more than 130 pieces for sale. Viewing from 12:30pm and an official opening at 6pm. Free entry.

Regular Programmes

Weekly Safer Streets Clubs

Our weekly clubs aim to be the wildest & wackiest clubs in town creating friends & photos that last a lifetime! Yes, we throw our faces into chocolate cake! Yes, we jump around in Sumo Suits! Yes, we blend a Happy Meal and drink it! Yes, we make friends from other local schools who we didn't know. Yes, we do trips to fun places like Laser Strike! Yes, we try new things - and have a 'no shame' rule! Yes, they're primarily ran by 40+ weekly volunteers who are positive role models to the hundreds of young people who attend each week.



Schools Work



We've been very busy in our local schools recently, with the introduction of New Life Skills programmes being ran by our youthworkers. 'Man Skills' is an 8 week course teaching skills such as knot tying, how to maintain a bike and basic tool use. Resolution Girls Group is for intermediates and covers topics such as emotions, relationships, family and self care. Both courses are self reflective and have journaling.

Our youthworkers are having success in coaching both basketball and football teams in inter-school winter tournaments. We're also doing a lot more mentoring with individuals referred to us by the schools and have started a new partnership with City East with our 24-7 work in Aranui High School.

Holiday Programmes & Breakaway

Our holiday programmes are not about child care - they're about having the most fun with a group of awesome leaders when there's no school! We run 3 programmes for different age groups, from 5 - 17 year olds. Recent highlights have been trips to the theatre, a circus workshop, stone carving, mud sliding, paddle boating and eating! Well, that involves baking it first - the Subway Cookie recipe was photocopied 30 times for the children (err - parents) to take home. The results of our recent survey told us that the favorite thing about our holiday programmes isn't the activities - it's the leaders!





WHAT DO WE DO ?



SAFER STREETS PROGRAMMES

Weekly after-school and evening programmes ran by teams of volunteers and staff. Games, activities, outings, team building exercises, gross competitions, challenges and a lot of fun! Every club contains a non-threatening Christian Content segment.

- Years 1 – 2 **Cheeky Little Monkeys** (Wed 3pm - 4:30pm)
- Years 3 – 4 **Kool Katz** (Wednesdays 3pm - 4:30pm)
- Years 5 - 6 **WAVE** (Mondays 4:30 - 6pm)
- Years 7 - 8 **Rock Solid** (Fridays 4:30 - 6pm)
- Years 9 – 10 **Surge** (Mondays 7 - 9pm)
- Years 11 - 13 **Sodium** (Mondays 7 - 9pm)
- Years 9 - 13 **Amplify Music Programme** (Friday evenings)



SCHOOLS PROGRAMMES

Our staff support students in school, on lunchtimes, and through extra curricula activities. Offering mentoring, sports coaching, lunchtime activities, life skills programmes, events, building school spirit, supporting teachers and being positive role models.

The schools we work in every week are:

- **Central New Brighton Primary School**
- **North New Brighton Primary School**
- **South New Brighton Primary School**
- **Aranui High School** (24-7 framework)
- **Plus one-off support to other local primary schools**



HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

These fun filled programmes run for one week in each of the school holidays for different age categories:

- **Years 1 - 4 (Junior)**
- **Years 5 - 8 (Senior)**
- **Years 9 - 13 (Breakaway)**

They are Child Youth & Family (CYF) approved, WINZ supplement approved and contracted to the Ministry of Social Development (MSD).



CAMPS

We take young people on overnight camps and weekends away throughout the year, such as:

- **Amped Camp**
- **BaseCamp & Boot Camp**
- **Eastercamp**
- **40 Hour Famine Sleep-Over**
- **X-Tend Leadership Camp**

We also partner with CDN Trust & other agencies to support their camps.



MENTORING

Meeting one-on-one with young people for relational support, goal setting and a lot of encouragement. Some are referred from school, agencies and ministry of justice, and others through informal connections we've made through club nights, school, library or events. We partner with Big Brother Big Sister and recruit volunteers for them.



LIBRARY YOUTHWORK SUPPORT

We have a contract with Christchurch City Council to place youth workers in New Brighton Library everyday after school, on weekends & school holidays. These positive relational roles has replaced the old security guards. Our youthworkers also organise free activities in every school holidays for local children & young people.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

We help run and organise large community events in partnership with other community groups such as:

- **Family Fun Night**
- **I Love New Brighton**
- **Beach Blast**
- **Skate Jam**
- **Guys Day Out & Girls Day Out**
- **Community Fun Days**



YOUTHLEADER TRAINING AND SUPPORT

We attract, train and build-up volunteers to work in their community. Volunteers are placed on different programmes and learn through practical service, team meetings, training events and from other more experienced youthworkers.

Young people aspire to be leaders and often join our junior leadership programme called 'Unleashed'. We also host youthwork interns, offering them experience, support and a structure for their practical work.

HOW CAN I HELP ?

- I'm keen to volunteer and would like to chat to someone about the different options
- I'd like to give regular donations and become a 'Friend of Youth Alive Trust' (Bank Account: ANZ - 117892-0066444-00)
- I'd like to give a one-off donation towards the building plans (Bank Account: ANZ - 117892-0066444-00)
- I'm interested in discussing how my business can partner with you
- Please send me information about how to include Youth Alive Trust in my Will

Name: Email:

Contact Phone: Address: