



Waka Toa Ora

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Advisory Group

The Waka Toa Ora Advisory Group met on 28 August 2019.

Key points from the meeting

- Waka Toa Ora has been invited to consider supporting a visit from the Future Generations Commission for Wales, Sophie Howe. The advisory group would like to hear from any organisations interested in having speaking events or workshops for Sophie Howe in March 2020. A case would need to be received before 14 September. Find out more about how the Welsh wellbeing model from <https://futuregenerations.wales/>.
- The Advisory group received an update about the second 'Becoming Unbreakable' seminar held in late August. The group heard about some of the initiatives that have arisen since the first 'Becoming Unbreakable' seminar in May, some which came out of the korero in May, and some of the potential next steps. The Advisory group has been asked to consider whether some of these activities should be incorporated into the Waka Toa Ora work plan.
- A response to the effects of climate change on people and health will be considered in depth at one of the upcoming Advisory Group meetings.

Who is a part of the Advisory Group?

Current participating organisations include:

- Christchurch City Council – Paul Cottam & Claire Bryant
- Community & Public Health – Sandy Brinsdon, Gail McLauchlan, and Sara Epperson
- Environment Canterbury – Sam Bellamy and Clare Pattison
- Greater Christchurch Partnership – Nadja Grabner-Thornley
- Ministry of Social Development (MSD) – Marie Ward
- NGO signatories – Liz Hawes (SEWN), Lottie Vinson (CWEA), and Kathy Duncan (OVTRK)
- Selwyn District Council – Denise Kidd
- Mana Whenua ki Waitaha – Wendy Dallas-Katoa
- Waimakariri District Council – Tessa Sturley

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The [Greater Christchurch Partnership](#) identified Healthy Christchurch as a lead for the 'Health & Communities' stream of the [Urban Development Strategy](#), along with the Selwyn and Waimakariri District Councils. A working group convened and decided to formally expand Healthy Christchurch across the region and to adopt a more geographically inclusive name—Waka Toa Ora.

The group has developed a high-level work programme and will continue to engage with signatories as this progresses. The initiative will continue to lead new projects, be a vehicle for communication and consultation with communities, and provide a mechanism to be voice at decision making tables around the region.