



Waka Toa Ora
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Advisory Group

The Waka Toa Ora Advisory Group met on 23 October 2019.

Key points from the meeting

- New Councils are getting themselves established. The Advisory Group is looking for opportunities to engage around Waka Toa Ora and – more generally – Health in All Policies.
- Climate change, especially the human and social impacts, continue to be of interest to this group.
- The Advisory Group reiterated that it is a priority to ensure signatory-led activity is supported and promoted.

Who is a part of the Advisory Group?

Current participating organisations include:

- Christchurch City Council – Paul Cottam and 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.