



G.R.E.A.T. (Growing Rotorua Engaged Active Teens)
Active Young People in Rotorua
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Favourite Super Hero – Atom Ant

Rob has worked with young people in Rotorua for the past eleven years. He has a background in health and youth work and is currently the youth projects officer for the Rotorua District Council and will profile four youth advisory groups currently running in Rotorua.

The four groups are the Rotorua District Youth Council, the Youth Projects Trust Youth Advisory Group, the Lakes District Health Board Youth Advisory Group and the Rotorua Youth Environment Forum from Environment Bay of Plenty. The presentation will be based around each of the four groups' focus, their scope of work and what benefits are gained from having young active citizens in our city.

Those that attend the presentation will gain an insight into existing youth development approaches in a small city that have been shaped over the last six years. You will hear from some of the young people involved in these groups and will gain an understanding of how they feel about the approaches used and what makes them want to be involved and actively contribute to our community. You will get an insight into what works and what doesn't when engaging young people and working to the goal of growing active citizens.

You should attend this presentation if you want to enhance the work you do with young people in your area, to understand the value of engagement with young people, or if you are planning on establishing similar groups or processes.