



Connecting Youth Councils with their Council

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Nelson City Council supports several community organisations working with youth. Nicola is involved in all of these initiatives. Coordination of the Nelson Youth Council is also part of her role as the Community Liaison Advisor for Social Wellbeing.

To kick off the workshop Nicola will describe the Nelson Youth Council's level of involvement with Council since its inception ten years ago and how a youth voice has influenced decision making. She will discuss how engagement with Council comes at different levels, from responding to council plans and policy, to full involvement in planning and implementation.

Three Nelson Youth Councilors will discuss their feeling of connection to the group and also to Council. They will describe their level of engagement over a twelve and twenty-four month period, detailing what has and hasn't worked for them.

Following this, the topic "connecting youth councils with their council" will be discussed in a workshop setting to see how other councils are managing these relationships so we can all learn from each other.