

# Youth in Local Government Awards

## Who Can Enter

Any Council or Youth Council that has planned and implemented youth-focused projects, programmes or services between October 2006 and August 2008.

## Closing Date

All entries to be received by 4pm Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

## Award Categories

- **The Aspiration Kid's Active Citizens Award**  
Award for best example of how Youth Councils, staff or young people have engaged young people in local government issues and influenced change in their community.
- **Collaborationista Award for Partnership Work**  
Best example of collaboration between youth councils, agencies or departments working together and leading to action on an issue or problem within the local government sector.
- **LGA Dude's Employment Award**  
Award for the most innovative Youth Employment project.
- **LTCCP Chick's Cool Small Project Award**  
Best cool small project (under \$2,500) designed and implemented by local government, young people or youth council. (This is not just for girls...)
- **Bylaw Bloke's Best Big Project Award**  
Best project big project (over \$2,500) designed and implemented by local government, young people or youth council. (This is not just for boys...)
- **Captain Chaos Clanger Award**  
Award for those projects or initiatives that you thought were a good idea but just bombed...
- **The Supreme Award**  
All entries will automatically be eligible for the Supreme Award. The Supreme Award is for the best overall project.

## Entry Requirements

Entries must be submitted by Council and must concern projects which have been led or undertaken by them.

Programmes, projects or services submitted for the awards must have a significant youth development focus and should reflect some or all of the following aspects:

- **Consideration of the 'big picture'** – social, economic, environmental and cultural contexts.
- **Connecting young people** – with community, school/university, workplace, whanau and peers.
- **A consistent strengths-based approach** – focusing on the positives rather than the negatives.
- **Developing quality relationships** – treating young people with respect and concern.
- **Engaging young people** – to fully participate in activities and decisions.
- **Developing good practice** – using an action/reflection/action cycle.

## Conditions of Entry

A local/regional council may submit as many different programmes, projects or services as it wishes, provided each initiative has been implemented between October 2006 and August 2008.

Individual programmes, projects or services may be entered in more than one category if relevant (separate entries must be submitted for each).

Judges have the right to re-categorise entries where relevant.

Entrants may be contacted by the judges as part of the assessment process.

Please note: "Youth" is defined as young people aged between 12-24 years old.

## Other Information

All applications to be completed as a Microsoft Word document.

Entrants are encouraged to also submit a PowerPoint display to enable the organisers to showcase various award projects at the conference.

Applications are to be e-mailed to: [mandy@conferenceteam.co.nz](mailto:mandy@conferenceteam.co.nz).

All applications to arrive by 4pm Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

Applications to include:

- Name of Council
- Contact Name and position/title
- Contact e-mail and telephone
- Award Category Entered
- Name of Project, Service or Initiative. (This name will be used in awards publicity material, on finalist certificates and on the overall Award.)
- Actual location (suburb, town etc) where the programme, project or service is situated:

- Brief summary of programme, project or service. (This summary will be used in awards publicity material).
- Favourite Superhero and reasons why