

Marlborough Youth Trust aims to help build youth confidence with relationships and skills, deliver youth programs, and give opportunities for youth to connect with and contribute back into the Marlborough community

MYSpace YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTRE - Open Monday to Friday 9am-7pm (depending on bookings) hosting up to 350 youth a week

MYSpace is a youth development centre where youth aged 12- 24 can come and join in or set up activities and events for their community. There are youth workers on site, a café-kitchen, rock climbing wall, music suite and sound room, meeting spaces, classroom, social gathering space, indoor and outdoor sport spaces, bootcamp, youth group sessions & dance suite. We use our resources at MySpace for business enterprise opportunities that provide youth development opportunities for youth. MySpace opened in June 2019 and has seen over 26,349 people through the building. MySpace has been used by Civil Defence to support Te Pakata start up during Covid-19 lockdown. MySpace has hosted Youthline training, Top of the South Film Group, Pacifica Trust, Creative Kids Trust, Piriathi MOE, Alt ED (Alternative Education), St John Youth, Marlborough Youth Hui, Youth Art Sessions, Hakakere Village flax Weaving, Matala Dance Group, Covid Vaccination pop up's and many other youth events, programs and training sessions.

MYTAGS Marlborough Youth Advisory Group (20 youth each year)

MYT's Youth Advisory Group is a one year youth development program for youth aged 12-24. The program recruits driven, passionate youth who seek to create a positive change in Marlborough. They support events into the Marlborough Community, and learn what their strengths are through the Gallup Strength Finders program. Many MYTAG youth go on to become leaders in their field of interest or members of the Marlborough District Council Youth Council. They are the voice for youth of Marlborough and help support various programs run out of MySpace and in the community like Rainbow Youth, Young Adults 18 Plus Group, Friday Night Youth Group, Saturday Afternoon Hang-outs, Environmental Support Group and mental health advocacy.

PCT- Police Competency Training once a year in the colleges (400 youth)

This popular course is run in the colleges with the actual Police fitness test. It is held in colleges during NZ Youth Week or later in the year as an inter-college competition, managed by MYT and supported by Police.

YES- Youth in Emergency Services Program (Funding Dependant- 20 youth, 50 over 3 years)

Youth participants in this 8-week course experience 7 different emergency services; Civil Defence, Rural Fire, Surf Lifesaving, St John, Coastguard, Search and Rescue, and Red Cross, followed by a Big Day out scenario exercise combining all the services and testing the learned skills of the participants. They also complete 20 hours volunteering in an emergency service of choice, with some amazing outcomes including youth starting their career pathway into the emergency services. Some youth have gone on to train as nurses, doctors or paramedics.

CACTUS Blenheim & Picton, 3 courses a year proudly sponsored by Marlborough Lines - 70 youth each year

Each 8-week course runs 3 mornings a week in a boot camp style, supported by the NZ Police and college staff, followed by the Longest Day in which participants are required to muster all their fitness and learned skills to graduate from the program. CACTUS has run for 13 years, seeing over 600 youth successfully complete this program. One obvious outcome is that graduating youth are so proud of themselves and their achievement, both as an individual and as a CACTUS team member. This has strengthened their relationships with teaching staff, NZ Police and youth workers within this program and as a result of the regime and pastoral care provided to youth during this program, there are excellent physical and mental outcomes for the participants.

YEP Youth Employability Program - 40 youth a year (in the 3 years at Myspace we have actively helped 190 youth into jobs or training)

This is a 6-week course which teaches soft skills for employment, teamwork, communication, positive attitude, willingness to learn, resilience, and self-management. Participants undertake 20 hours volunteering, and up to 80 hours work experience. This program has been very successful and is well supported by MSD, thanks to start-up funding from MDC to get this up and running. Most youth graduate their driver licenses, receive coffee making training, create CV's, undergo the Strength-Finders process and develop interview skills, dress for success training and other courses they would like to complete through this program. Marlborough Lines, Hortus, Countdown, Talley's, Indevin, Courier Post, cafes, take-aways, Selmes Road Garden Centre, restaurants, BP, New World, McDonalds, The Warehouse, Stadium 2000, Moa Brewery & Marlborough Youth Trust are some of the many businesses that have awesome young people working with them from this program.

Young Parents Group TUPU THRIVE - once a week (10 new parents 20 toddlers & babies)

New parents engage within a supportive, Education Department accredited group, making new friendship and learning skills and practical information around parenting, budgeting and cultures. it's an opportunity to build connections with other parents and confidence as a young parent.

MYT Events proudly supported by Marlborough Youth Council (350 average at each event x6 - 2100 youth per year)

MYT events are focused around the principles of Wha Tupu Whare, where the 4 walls of the whare are physical well-being, mental well-being, spiritual well-being and family and social well-being. Springfest music festival addresses and supports mental health awareness week. Beach fest in Picton connection the youth within the regions- from Seddon, Renwick and Havelock. Outdoors movies have been a focus of giving back to the community with intergenerational activities that have be youth led. Expressions Sessions during NZ Youth Week is giving youth their voice on topics close to the youth community with spoken word, photography, Art projects, and supporting the

Marlborough Youth Hui. MYT actively support other event initiatives for youth in Marlborough like Pink Shirt Day (anti bullying), Sundown Sport Series (encouraging youth into sport like table tennis, badminton, futsal, cricket), the Pre-Formal event, Easter Camp, Muddy Buddy, Hope Walk, and the Marlborough Food Bank Street Appeal has seen over 70 youth activity involved across Marlborough.

MYSPLACE YOUNG ADULTS 18-plus (20 plus young adults)

This is a weekly program for 18- 24-year-olds over a meal and planned activities, post Covid. The group is for youth staying in the region, helping them build friendships within their peer group and offering awareness of employment and other opportunities in Marlborough.

MYSPLACE Friday Night Youth Group (40-60 youth per week)

Pacifica and rural youth come together to connect over games, ideas, themed evenings, building healthy friendships with both genders outside of school

MYSPLACE Rainbow Community (20 plus youth per week)

Meeting once a week for support, connection, safe space to gather and education around gender identity.

MYSPLACE Sticks & Wheels group (20 youth once a week)

MGC inclusion centre youth come to Myspace for connections and building their confidence outside of school, these youth come with their parents and care support workers at other times also to play and enjoy activities on at Myspace- this group for youth with disabilities is run by MYTAG members and MYT staff that live with disabilities.

MYT Youth Workers Training in the last 3 years

Marlborough youth trust has been instrumental in raising the bar of qualified youth workers, with 6 qualified youth workers in level 3 or 4 youth workers certificate, 3 in Whanau Ora training, 6 in suicide prevention, (MYT was recognised by receiving the La Va Award for suicide prevention in Marlborough) 10 staff are trained to deliver Youth Employability facilitation. There are 16 people coming through as volunteers or supporting other youth organisations to train staff to be at best practise as youth workers under Careerforce, Ara Taiohi and Youth Strategy Aotearoa, with level 3 youth workers' certificate. Marlborough Youth Trust are always facilitating training on youth topics. MYT have supported 6 young adults into careers of youth work with MSD. We are proud that MYT is fulfilling its youth development strategy in practical terms, with 75% of staff under 25 years of age on the payroll.

MYT Operational Support for Youth

MYT have supported 4 youth with employment pathways, offering employment in roles such as cleaning and resource management. Many staff and youth have been trained in barista, making coffees on the coffee machine at MySpace, having a good customer services approach, managing the climbing wall, understanding the bigger picture of Marlborough and having an awareness of safety and health, hosting safe youth events, attending first aid training, and CV writing. MYT have supported so many youth and their families with pastoral care packages, food parcels and support during the effects of Covid over the last 2 years or so.