

# Youth Rōpū Information pack



Save the Children

# Kia Ora!

We are so pleased that you are interested in finding out more about our Youth Rōpū!

This pack includes information about;

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## The work of Save the Children NZ



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We work in 120 countries across the world!

We deliver projects that involve the whole community to transform children's lives and ensure their rights are met.



We do this in many ways and work hard to end child poverty and child labour. We fight for education and health to be accessible for all children.

Here in NZ we work to make sure the government is doing the best they can for tamariki and rangatahi. We also educate children to know their rights and speak up to create change.



# Youth Programme

Mobilising a generation of **young people** that stand up, step out and create **change**.

Our work here in Aotearoa has expanded with the launch of our Youth Programme 'Generation Hope' in 2023. Young people today are grappling with the big issues of this world - poverty, climate change, racism, conflict and so much more. Our youth programme here in New Zealand will give you opportunities to speak up for change, to have your voice heard by decision makers and for youth to step out and lead.

There are different ways for youth to get involved. The Youth Rōpū is a small group of young people that guide and lead our work. The role of the Youth Rōpū is to shape these areas;

## Advocacy (speaking up for change)

Here at Save the Children we want to amplify youth voice and ensure your voice is heard by the government. We do this by having your voice heard through a variety of advocacy projects and campaigns.

## Events

We will hold a wide variety of youth focused events. From online panels with politicians to in-person events. A big part of the Youth Rōpū is to shape what events we run and to help organise them.

## Fundraising (take action)

From famine, climate change, conflict, to access to education, there are so many global issues impacting young people. Save the Children works around the world to support countries to create change. One meaningful way to contribute to global change is fundraising! The Youth Rōpū may run fundraising events or activities for youth to get involved with supporting a range of causes.

## Take Action clubs

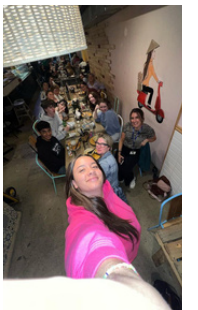
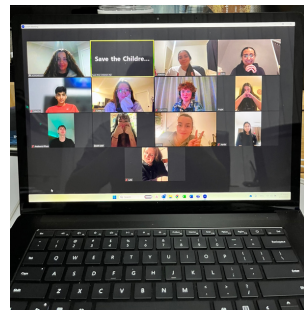
There will also be the opportunity for all youth to create change through setting up a Take Action club at their school to create change in their local community.

## Education resources

On our Education Hub, we have a bunch of resources for children and teachers. We would love to expand this to include youth. The Youth Rōpū may help us design or come up with topics for resources that youth would be interested in.



# 2023 Youth Rōpū Highlights





# Role of Youth Rōpū

Save the Children aims to create a Youth Programme **with youth for youth**. The Youth Rōpū have an important role in shaping our work - the projects we choose to work on and how we engage with young people. This might look like;

- Co-creating ideas with Save the Children - such as events, campaigns, social media and education ideas.
- Inform our advocacy work (speaking up for change) - Have your voice heard by decision makers on issues that matter to you! This could look like speaking to the government about changes you want to see in the education system or writing a letter to a Minister about an issue you see in your local community.
- Mobilising other young people - Promoting and encouraging other rangatahi you know to get involved with our youth programme and be a part of creating change here in Aotearoa.

# Commitments of Youth Rōpū

- Attend fortnightly meetings via zoom to discuss upcoming work (1 hour)
- Being involved in events, submissions and other SCNZ work that aligns with your passions. This will involve working on projects and attending other meetings in your personal time.
- Be willing to challenge yourself and step into new things.
- Being as involved as you can be and communicating when you cannot attend things.

# Who are we looking for?

- Young people aged 14-18. If you do not fall in this age range, don't worry there will be other opportunities to get involved.
- Young people passionate about creating change.
- Youth who are willing to bring their unique perspective to the issues we discuss and events we create.
- Young people who can listen to others, work as a team and keen to learn new skills.
- Youth who want to have their voice heard.

# What do you get out of the programme?

- Have your voice heard on issues you care about.
- Travel opportunities
- Develop your skills, e.g media, advocacy (speaking up for change).
- Connections- with other likeminded young people, government, experts.
- Meaningful opportunity to create change in Aotearoa.
- Career and leadership development.

## How to apply

Ready to submit an application?

Head to our website to find the application form link-  
[generationhope.nz](https://generationhope.nz)

There are a few options of how you can submit your application for our Youth Rōpū:

1. Fill out the written application form.
2. Organise a face to face conversation (Wellington) or via zoom with our Youth Engagement Coordinator - email [youth@scnz.org.nz](mailto:youth@scnz.org.nz) if this is your preferred way of applying.

Our process:

- Applications close on the 29th February 2024.
- 20 people will be selected to carry out a zoom interview with our team. All applicants will receive an email informing you on the next steps.
- 10 people will then be selected to be in the 2024 Youth Rōpū, you will be emailed by the 15th March 2024.
- The selected rōpū members will be required to attend a two night induction noho in Wellington 17-19 April 2024.

Thank you for taking your time to complete an application! We are looking forward to receiving it.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact [youth@scnz.org.nz](mailto:youth@scnz.org.nz) or 0800 167 168

**Ngā mihi nui!**