

SHAPING CITIES FOR YOUTH

A STUDY TO UNDERSTAND YOUNG PEOPLES' EXPERIENCE OF TRANSPORT, PLACE AND URBAN ENVIRONMENTS

Tēnā koutou katoa

STUDY UPDATE DECEMBER 2017

Pānui Hakihea 2017

As 2017 comes to a close, we thought we would take the opportunity to provide a study update and thank the people who have been involved so far.

The data collection phase is progressing well. We have in-depth insights from 24 young people who have experienced not being in work, education, or employment. The interviews were led by Peer Interviewers, who have been extremely skilled at connecting with young people from their community. Participatory mapping and photo voice (through anonymised facebook accounts) contribute to the data set, creating layers of information about young peoples' experiences. Thank you to the Peer Interviewers for your amazing work!

We have also begun engaging with parents/whānau of youth participants to understand their perceptions of transport, place, and access to opportunities. For the next 6 months our focus is on building relationships in Hornby and West Auckland, with the aim of initiating data collection early-mid 2018.

We are committed to making sure the study findings contribute to decision-making. Local, regional, and national dissemination of findings will begin in late 2018/2019 - watch this space! For those of you who are new to the study, an overview is provided on Page 2.

ARANUI (CHRISTCHURCH)

- 10 peer-led interviews with youth/rangatahi
- Currently recruiting parents/whānau of youth people

PAPAKURA (AUCKLAND)

- 15 peer-led interviews with youth/rangatahi
 - 2 interviews with parents of youth participants
- Thank you to Papakura Marae and Papakura High School for your support.

HORNBY (CHRISTCHURCH)

- We have two Peer Interviewers who are keen to participate in Hornby
- We are currently engaging with local stakeholders, with the aim of starting data collection in February/March 2018.

WEST AUCKLAND

- We are currently engaging with local stakeholders to confirm the focus area, and identify Peer Interviewers and stakeholders who are keen to be involved.
- The aim is to start data collection in April/May 2018.



A young person from Papakura talks about a positive part of their journey via an anonymised Facebook account.

He patai māu? If you have questions, comments or would like to be involved, please get in touch with a member of the Shaping Cities for Youth team. See contact details on page 2.

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STUDY OVERVIEW

The study is investigating the transport needs, preferences, barriers and enablers of young New Zealanders (15-24), with a specific focus on young people who have experienced a period of not being in education, employment or training (NEET). Through focusing on two areas of Auckland/ Tāmaki Makaurau and two areas of Christchurch/ Ōtautahi, we are examining how current transport options and urban design influences young peoples' ability to access jobs, education and places important to them, and how this interacts with their wellbeing.

Ultimately, we aim to provide guidance on how the transport system and urban form can be optimised to meet the needs of young people, particularly the most disadvantaged.

THE METHOD

- Training young people from each community to interview their peers about how and why they move around their community and city (peer-interviewing);
- Interactive visual mapping to understand transport patterns, needs and experiences;
- Using social media as a research tool (see example on page 1) and;
- Interviewing parents/whānau and employers.

We are committed to conducting this study within an ethical framework that reflects Te Tiriti O Waitangi and supports Māori aspirations. We aim to ensure meaningful engagement with rangatahi Māori so that they have an explicit voice in the study.

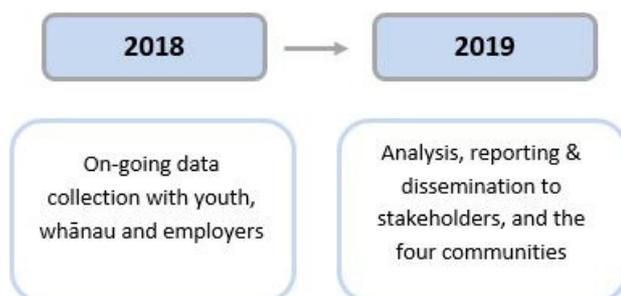
HOW DID THE STUDY COME ABOUT?

This study is part of a 4-year programme of research called **Healthy Future Mobility Solutions**, funded by the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE). This wider research programme explores how future transport solutions can optimise fair access, health and wellbeing.

WHO'S INVOLVED?

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TIMEFRAMES



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