

Rangatahi Engagement Draft Action Plan

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Purpose

Rangatahi hold the key to creating a better future and Hutt City Council (HCC) are committed to educating and engaging rangatahi in council matters to ensure that their voice informs decision making.

This draft action plan aims to effectively engage rangatahi, amplifying their voice and ensuring processes are in place for them to have meaningful input into decisions.

It sets out actions to help achieve our strategic priorities.



Who are rangatahi?

Rangatahi/Youth

Noun

1. Young people/the younger generation (aged 12-24 years old)
2. The period between childhood and adult age



*Stats based on 50th percentile (medium growth) as of 2023 Population Projections

Hopes & dreams for the Hutt Valley

Make the Hutt Valley safer, healthier and cleaner

– Girl, aged 17



More greenery

– Non-binary, aged 16



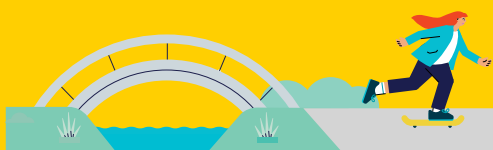
Build more houses

– Boy, aged 13



More outdoor activities

– Girl, aged 22



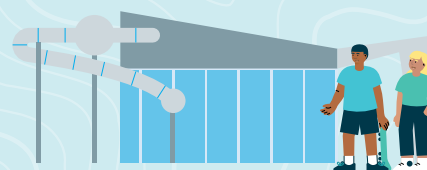
Make Te Awa Kairangi safe to swim in again

– Girl, aged 13



More places for young people to go

– Boy, aged 14



Strategic Priorities



1

Increase active citizenship among rangatahi

We want to ensure that any young person who wants to have a say, has the opportunity to do so. To achieve this we need to improve the way we engage and close the loop with rangatahi, to increase trust and reach.



3

Partner with rangatahi sector leaders to creatively engage with rangatahi and increase participation

We want to partner with sector leaders who already have programmes and trusted relationships in place to effectively engage rangatahi and increase participation.



2

Improve rangatahi understanding of council and their rights in relation to citizen participation, and opportunities for them to influence change

We know that we can't effectively engage without supplementing that with education. Rangatahi need to have opportunities to increase their understanding of council and their rights.



4

Use data and insights to inform effective engagement with rangatahi

We want to use existing data and insights to inform decision making and give rangatahi the confidence that we are listening. We want to ensure that new data and insights are captured in a way that we can continue to review and evolve how we engage to increase participation.



Strategic Priority 1:

Increase active citizenship among rangatahi

Description:

We want to ensure that any young person who wants to have a say, has the opportunity to do so. To achieve this we need to improve the way we engage and close the loop with rangatahi, to increase trust and reach.

Action 1: Review and leverage current processes/initiatives

Explanation: Include tactics in current processes and initiatives that enable more effective and increased engagement with Rangatahi

Timeline for implementation:
3 months

Frequency: Ongoing

Action 2: Establish a student leaders network

Explanation: Intermediate and secondary school representatives champion active citizenship among peers with support from council via regular meetings to share opportunities to be involved, understand current rangatahi concerns and insights, and provide updates on rangatahi programme.

Timeline for implementation:
6 months

Frequency: Quarterly



Strategic Priority 2:

Improve rangatahi understanding of council and their rights in relation to citizen participation, and opportunities for them to influence change

Description:

We know that we can't effectively engage without supplementing that with education. Rangatahi need to have opportunities to increase their understanding of council and their rights.

Action 1: Establish rangatahi education programme

Explanation: Create programme/s to assist rangatahi understanding of council and their rights in citizenship participation.

Timeline for implementation:
1 year

Frequency: Ongoing

Action 2: Weave education into current rangatahi programmes, engagement and activations

Explanation: Leverage current rangatahi engagements/activations to educate e.g. Hubs and libraries, in schools, through sector partners.

Timeline for implementation:
6 months

Frequency: Ongoing



Strategic Priority 3:

Partner with rangatahi sector leaders to creatively engage with rangatahi and increase participation.

Description:

We want to partner with sector leaders who already have programmes and trusted relationships in place to engage rangatahi.

Action 1: Creation of a partner agreement

Explanation: An agreement that enables our partners to engage with rangatahi on behalf of council as part of their current mahi, within their spaces.

Timeline for implementation:
3 months

Action 2: Regular rangatahi engagement

Explanation: One engagement per school term run through current partner programmes.

Timeline for implementation:
3 months

Frequency: Quarterly

Action 3: Regular meetings between council and partners

Explanation: Meet regularly to share insights, plan engagements and ensure rangatahi are supported as best as possible.

Frequency:
Monthly

Action 4: Passive rangatahi engagement

Explanation: Passive engagements run in partner spaces e.g. Quick polls in waiting rooms.

Timeline for implementation:
3 months

Frequency: Ongoing



Strategic Priority 4:

Use data and insights to inform effective engagement with rangatahi.

Description:

We want to use existing data and insights to inform decision making and give rangatahi the confidence that we are listening. We want to ensure that new data and insights are captured in a way that we can continue to review and evolve how we engage to increase participation.

Action 1: Stocktake of existing rangatahi data and insights

Explanation: A stocktake to ensure data and insights continue to inform future work, and we aren't repeating questions.

Timeline for implementation:
3 months

Action 2: Review engagement approach

Explanation: Conduct a review to ensure our engagement approach is working and consider new methods. Reporting back to Communities, Culture and Partnerships Committee.

Frequency: Bi-annually

Action 3: Effectively capture, use and share new data and insights to inform effective engagement

Explanation: Implement new ways of capturing, using and sharing data.

Timeline for implementation:
5 months

Action 4: Keep up to date with new and creative ways to engage rangatahi including meeting with other councils

Explanation: Passive engagements run in partner spaces e.g. Quick polls in waiting rooms.

Frequency: Ongoing