

# ANNUAL REPORT 2018



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# Chairpersons Report

*Kendra Burgess-Naude*

2018 has been a year that the members of the Christchurch Youth Council (CYC) were kept very busy fostering relationship, creating safe space and connecting the dots for youth voice to be heard around major decision-making tables. Our membership has facilitated, coordinated and presented at many events to support genuine youth participation in the city. They have shown a commitment to empower young people to have their say and encourage a connection between decision makers and young people that I am proud to have witnessed. The youth council has been working from the youth space for a year now. We are proud of the development it had with young people using the recreation spaces daily, youth participation groups like us using the building for their events and meetings and the addition of youth led designs like the stage.

This year we were very lucky to have a number of general and executive members join the organisation to support our kaupapa. These passionate young people enable CYC to participate in so many different opportunities and their ideas refresh the organisation to face challenges in new ways. The people make all the difference and it's important for us to ensure their voices are all heard. This need for authentic and inclusive voices is why the work of Kendall, the Christchurch Youth Action Plan Coordinator has been very important. This document is under CYC's guardianship and Kendall put in the work to get it in front of the right people in our city and this work will continue with the efforts of CYC membership to keep youth voice present and authentic.

This year has included many engagement events that have been major events for CYC in collaboration with local governing bodies. These events included

- Decision for the Decade - Christchurch City Council Long Term Plan
- Kai + Consultation – Environment Canterbury Long Term Plan
- Red Zone Futures Youth Workshop and Bus Trip – Regenerate Christchurch

These opportunities gave young people from the around the region and our own members the chance to give feedback on major decision for the area. It also was a development opportunity for our members and other young people to facilitate discussions write reports and publicly speak. At these events, we had elected members of these governance bodies in attendance to hear what was being said and give response or further information when needed. This was fantastic for the young people attending to experience and I know both parties benefit from the interaction together. Thank you to all the elected members of our region who continually engage with young people, it really makes an impact, and everyone feels heard.

Following a very successful year working with different stakeholders and running multiple engagement events, the 2019 youth council look forward to another busy year making things happen in the city. Some key events to keep an eye out for is an Amazing Race being coordinated by a small group of CYC members, this event is something new for CYC and will be fun for all who participate. The election cycle has reset with the 2019 Local Government

elections coming up and I look forward to seeing what activities and/or events the youth council organise to ensure young people are engaged in this important voting opportunity.

I have been very fortunate to have the Chair position for 2 years and over these years I have taken on roles I never imagined I could before I joined the Christchurch Youth Council. The youth council has challenged my ideas and practice, so I can do better for those I serve and support. I have been through a lifetime of development with the work of CYC and it has given me every confidence that I can do anything from being a landscaper to a judge.

Thank you to my fellow Officers Ben, Dom and Aiyana who I would not be able to get the job done without, this job has its challenges and your efforts to lighten the load are very appreciated. Thank you to the Advisory group members I have worked with over the years Hannah, Hamish, Penny and Stacey, you all have given CYC and myself the expert support that is needed when times are tough and that will never be forgotten. A big thank you to Kate, CYC's coordinator whose job description is so long because you never know what we could face but we know Kate has the skills to help get things done. Thank you to Kendall and Kaitlyn who supported the kaupapa of the Youth Action Plan this year, the efforts they made to keep this document alive and functioning is very important and CYC are thankful.

To all the CYC members thank you for taking up the call to join us, your voice around our decision-making table makes all the difference to the work we do daily. And finally thank you to everyone I have worked with over the last 3 years to empower youth voice in our city, it's made an impact.

My parting message to everyone is I wish you all the best for the future. I look forward to seeing the amazing activities, events and projects you create to empower young people to have their say.



# Treasury Report

*Dominic Wilson*

I have enjoyed my role working as the Christchurch Youth Council's 2018 treasurer. We have had a successful financial year for the Christchurch Youth Council. The support from many generous funders through local and central government as well as philanthropists has allowed us to uphold our kaupapa of supporting young people in Otautahi. We rely on grants from the following organisations to aid our work and support organisational growth.

Christchurch City Council	\$25,000 – with our memorandum of understanding's fund, towards our employee's wages. Our employee works daily to conduct administrative work as well as helping support, mentor, and facilitate alongside the young people
Christchurch City Council	\$23,000 – for the development of our young people, Youth Action Plan work and wages.
Rata foundation	\$20,000 – for operations cost and wages
COGS Foundation	\$4000 – for the support of wages
Lotteries Grant	\$15,000 – for operations cost and wages
Christchurch City Council	\$10,500 – For the community series events



Looking into the future, with the support of the Christchurch City Council, and special thanks to Claire Phillips, we will be able to extend our work with the Christchurch Youth Action Plan. With the Support from the Ministry of Youth Development and a grant of \$6000 we will be able to look forward to organising an Amazing Race in the New Year.

It has been a great privilege for receives this funding this year, and it will allow us to continue our work next year to our best ability. It has been a great time as an officer within CYC.



# Staff Report

*Kate Burgess*

This year has been really exciting for the team and I, and I have been incredibly proud of the work the young people have been able to achieve.

Starting the year quite turbulently, I was admitted to hospital on the eve of our induction weekend, following an operation, I had to take six weeks out of work. With no one employed to fill in for me, it was up to the team to take on all of my responsibilities as well as their own. I was so impressed at their professionalism and support while I was unwell, I would like to thank them for allowing me to recover without any work stress. I would particularly like to thank the officers and advisory group who stepped up during this time.

I have particularly enjoyed working in the youth space this year, it has meant that I have been able to work alongside the Canterbury Youth Workers Collective staff members, who I feel have a wealth of knowledge to share with me. I have also felt as though the young people within CYC have a greater belonging over the space, and feel comfortable to come in and work out of the office. It has been really cool meeting and working with them in the youth space.

This year I took on the management of Kendall Lattin, our Christchurch Youth Action Plan Coordinator. I have been very impressed at the quality of her work, and would like to thank her for all the work she has done to gain traction with the Youth Action Plan. She has been a really great workmate and friend this year.

As with every year, I am truly humbled by the young people I get to work with. The amount of work they put into everything they do, the quality of ideas and innovation is amazing. I think that the young people within the youth council have succeeded in a very ambitious year and they should be very proud of themselves. I am excited to start working with the 2019 crew and see what new ideas and challenges will arise!



# Youth Action Plan Report

*Kendall Lattin*

Since February 2018, I have been working as the part-time Coordinator for the Christchurch Youth Action Plan, for ten hours per week. The focus has been on making connections with stakeholders in Christchurch, finding out what is already happening in the city, and encouraging young people's ideas to be turned into action.

Key aspects from the role description that were especially relevant to my work over the last eight months include:

- Provide a central point of contact for stakeholders
- Research points within the YAP
- Network with stakeholders
- Advocate for the YAP within Christchurch
- Present on the YAP to relevant stakeholders
- Work with young people to help them turn their ideas into actions

Over the past 8 months, the work completed to network with stakeholders and young people in Christchurch has led to a significantly increased audience interested in the plan, a large network of stakeholders and young people, a base document of what initiatives are already happening in the city, and generally increased knowledge and support for the plan. The work completed as Coordinator has set up a solid base to build upon moving forward to start encouraging new change to happen in the city, as envisioned by Christchurch young people.



## Key achievements

My key achievements over the last 8 months include the following:

- Created and maintained a stakeholder contact list
- Connected with over 75 stakeholders in Christchurch
- Presented to large groups of stakeholders, including Ministry of Education and Canterbury Governance Leaders Group
- Led a workshop on the Youth Action Plan at INVOLVE (Wellington 2018)
- Introduced the YAP to all Christchurch MPs and Councillors
- Met in person with MPs Nicky Wagner, Megan Woods and Matt Doocey
- Drafted submissions to ECan on their LTP and the future of Public Transport
- Received a seven page document from the Government of initiatives they are working on related to the YAP
- Created seven CYC focus groups under the themes of the YAP
- Researched relevant initiatives already happening in Christchurch
- Part of the Funding Committee for the Big Ideas Fund
- Created a 'What's Happening' document with information about existing initiatives in Christchurch that are related to points within the YAP
- Identified relevant stakeholders for each point within the YAP
- Wrote letters to key organisations requesting that they select one point from the YAP to work on with CYC

It has been an absolute pleasure supporting this mahi, and hope that the Christchurch Youth Action Plan continues to grow and develop in the future.



# Up Skilling the Team

## Induction Weekend

This year began with our induction weekend. This is designed to introduce the new members to the Christchurch Youth Council, as well as bring the team together for some group development, and to create a team contract for the year.

With Kate going into hospital the day before this induction weekend that she was planning, things were a little different to how we expected. But this allowed us to shape the weekend ourselves, and with the support of our amazing advisory group member Hamish Keown, we were able to develop a great team contract to sign for the remaining of the year.

This set us in good stead for the rest of the year and it got our heads thinking strategically, allowed us to fully understand and embody our kaupapa, and just share some kai and some great laughs.



Big thanks to all those involved in planning, or stepped up in Kate's absence and made this a great weekend.

## South Island Youth Connect

*Piper Pengelly*

Youth Voice Canterbury have provided numerous opportunities for the CYC to get involved in throughout the year, we would like to give our thanks to you for all of these opportunities to connect and be involved.

In April a number of participants from the Christchurch Youth Council attended Activate - the South Island Youth Connect



camp held at Blue Skies in Kaiapoi. The annual camp is an opportunity for the youth councils in the South Island to come together, share their progress, and upskill. Workshops from the two days included how to write a submission, biculturalism, strengths, events planning and facilitation skills. Highlights included a Skype call from Member of Parliament Chloë Swarbrick, bonding with the team, Claudia laughing (screaming) yoga as an energizer on the first day and the mental health consultation by Josiah.

## Strings Attached - A Positive Relationships Training

*Ben O'Connell*

Held at Dovedale Teacher's College at UC, CYC held a "Strings Attached" workshop alongside the Collaborative Trust, aimed with increasing awareness of positive consent culture and relationships. The workshops also discussed topics such as gender and sexual diversity. The Christchurch Youth Council also received support from Thursday's in Black, which in a similar vein to the Collaborative Trust supports and stands in solidarity with those affected by gender based violence. The Collaborative Trust do heaps of awesome work in our communities besides workshops on topics like these, and so their expertise and support was highly appreciated. The event thoroughly engaged young people from all walks of life, and sparked discussions for more events like it later in the year, which CYC plans to initiate in 2019.



## Involve 2018

It was a pleasure this year for our employee's and chairperson to attend the 2018 Youth Participation 3 day hui in Wellington. This focused on all things youth sector and was an awesome development opportunity for all involved.

Kendall and Kendra also had the opportunity to present about the Christchurch Youth Action Plan, this opportunity allowed them to share their knowledge of consultation with other young leaders, people working with young people and government agencies. This was a really successful workshop, and they received great feedback.





We would like to thank the Wayne Francis charitable trust for providing us \$1200 towards the cost of attending this conference.



# Submissions

## Decisions of the Decade – CCC long-term plan

*Dom Wilson*

On the 5th of April 2018, the Christchurch Youth Council partnered with the Christchurch City Council to bring “Decisions for the Decade”. The Christchurch City Council’s intern, Kaitlyn White, supported this event. We would like to thank Kaitlyn for the massive amount of work she put into this event, without her it would not have been possible.

The event was held in the Mayor's Lounge where over 50 young people came together to discuss how they felt about the City Council's Long Term Plan. The evening included an interactive discussion, engagement sessions and more! We were also lucky to have numerous city councils and the Mayor in attendance. The event was designed to encourage young people to complete a submission on the long-term plan following the event. The Christchurch Youth Council also collected the feedback from the event, and provided the information in the form of our own submission to the Christchurch City Council. The submission is available to download and read on our website.

## Child Poverty Reduction Bill Submission

This year we provided the central government with a submission on the Child Poverty Reduction Bill. It was exciting to be able to engage on a central government issue, as we tend to focus locally. We gathered feedback via an online engagement, and received 36 responses for this.

We had a team of young people who dissected the information and asked the questions that we thought were important to young people, including what they thought the priorities for the government should be, whether they approved of the suggested name change and what they thought about the suggested bill.



We compiled this information in an easy to read submission, with pictographs like the one here of where respondees lived to show the themes and trends. We were really happy with our submission which is available to download and view via our website.

## Environment Canterbury Engagements

*Piper Pengelly / Nick Smith*

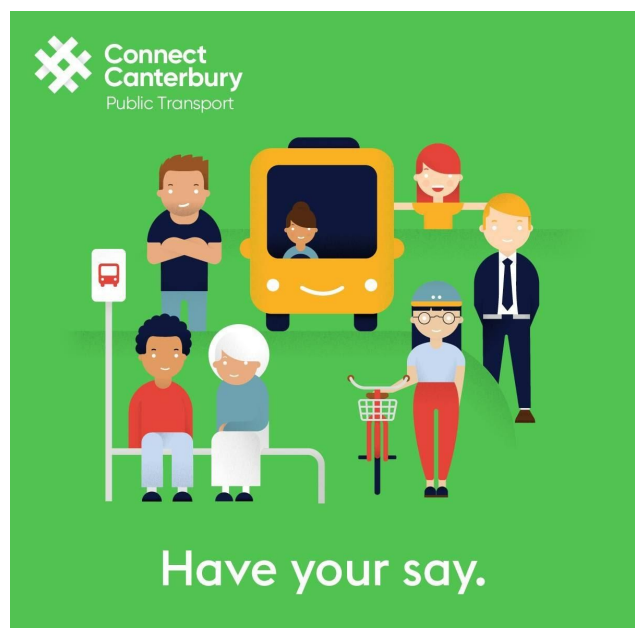
Environment Canterbury has had a busy and exciting year in regards to youth participation! The CYC has been stoked to help and support them in their endeavours.

Early in the year the Regional Youth Voices hui was organised by ECan, where environmental leaders from Canterbury high schools gathered to discuss how young people can contribute to addressing environmental issues. Three CYC members spoke to the group about our mission and how it is relevant to their own agendas.

Then in March the consultation period for the ECan 2018-2028 Long Term Plan (LTP) opened and the Christchurch Youth Council worked alongside ECan to facilitate an event to get youth feedback on what was being proposed. The event was successful with a number of youth as well as ECan staff and councillors attending. It was great to have ECan Councillors sitting alongside youth to answer questions and provoke thoughts. Following the event youth were encouraged to submit their own feedback, and the CYC also collated ideas from the event and wrote a submission which Piper and Kendra presented to the ECan council.

Another opportunity to get the youth voice heard came later in the year when the Regional Public Transport Plan was open for consultation. ECan held a consultation evening where the CYC helped out facilitating a few discussion stations where attendees talked and provided feedback on different aspects of the plan. The CYC also wrote our own submission afterwards.

Currently, ECan is working on setting up a Youth Participation Platform and a number of CYC members are helping to work on this planning out what the platform will look like. It is exciting to see more opportunities for youth to be involved and we look forward to working with ECan more closely in future.



## **Linwood-Woolston Pool Submission**

*Dom Wilson*

On the 17th of March, the Christchurch Youth Council headed along to the Youth Wellbeing Space at the Linwood Youth Festival Experience. At LYFE we went and consulted young people on the potential Linwood pool, we had a short survey where we asked young people if they liked the idea of the pool, if they would use it, where they would like it and how they would get there. The consultation went really well and we ended up getting a large amount of young people involved so they can have their say! We provided this information in the form of a submission to the Christchurch City Council, we also encouraged anyone who was keen to complete their own submission, and had submission forms available there for them to complete. We would like to thank the Christchurch City Councillors, and Diane Saxton who supported us with this engagement opportunity.



# Events

## Revamp

*Thomas Pope-Kerr*

After the series of earthquakes that shocked Christchurch a number of years ago, large sections of land in the central city were left open for development. As part of this development and the Christchurch Youth Action Plan, the youth of Christchurch were given a plot of land by Fletchers in the East frame, along with a \$10,000 Gapfiller grant, to create a space that would improve young peoples' experience of the rebuilt city. With the help of a team of Christchurch Youth Council members led by Hamish Keown from the Christchurch Youth Workers Collective (CYWC), this space has been planned and is currently being developed into something for young people to enjoy.



A big aim of the project was to create a space that truly aligned with what young people felt was needed in the city in order to ensure that, firstly, it would be used, and secondly, that it would actually add benefit to the area for youth. Consequently, consultation of a range of young people was central to every stage of the project. This began with a collaborative blackboard in the space on which young people could offer their ideas, helping us to get an indication of the kinds of things they wanted to see. The planning stage culminated in the Revamp design Jam on the 20th of May: an exciting event at which young people from around the city used the consultation, along with their own views, to create three different designs for the space.

These were:

- Light room

A living room within the central city made up of a central mosaic piece constructed from rubble, tiles and brick to represent the changing face of the city. This had the intention of creating a safe space for young people in the city, especially for those visiting at night.

- Green space

A space in the centre of a busy city where you can relax, chill and take some time out. With seating, tables and surrounded by a picket fence.

- Centre Stage

With a considerable lack of under 18 venues in Christchurch, this was designed to give young people a performance space in the city. The stage was to be centrepiece, surrounded by space to relax and enjoy the show.



These ideas were then taken to the voting phase from the 8th to the 22nd of August. Posters were set up at the space to allow for physical voting, and Facebook polls were taken to give easy access for youth. After the collection of over 120 votes, the winning concept was chosen: Centre stage.

From there, the space was flattened by Kate and her partner (very much appreciated), and the deck was assembled. We then had a working bee on the 25th of October involving a group of CYC members alongside Kate, Hamish and some young people who were keen to help out. During this time we painted the deck and chairs (sourced from New Brighton) with some vibrant colours and geodesic patterns. We had lots of fun with tape and paint that day!



There is still work to be done on the space, but it so far is looking good and should be finished fairly soon. It's been really exciting to see young people getting involved with designing the space and everyone involved the project is so grateful for their contributions. We also need to thank the many people that have assisted in this process including Gapfiller, the Christchurch Youth Workers Collective and many awesome people behind the scenes.

## **Community Series**

*Jayden Roper*

In July 2017 the Christchurch Youth Action Plan was launched by the Christchurch Youth Council to enable young people in Christchurch to explore what is important to them and how they want to live their lives, as well as to figure out ways to make this happen. Over 350 Young people were consulted during the development of the Youth Action Plan. At the launch it was announced that a \$50,000 Youth Initiative Fund would be set up to support actions that underpin the principles in the Youth Action Plan.

\$10,000 has been delegated to CYC to run Community series. CYC will be holding a series of events throughout the seven community board boundaries. CYC has been interested in connecting with young people at a more community level for a while

Each event intends to work with an established youth organisation or group to help make the events tailored to the ward they are held in.

Each event has a pot of money up for grabs (\$1000) and pre-registered groups of young people will present their ideas, what they want to use the money for. There will be an opportunity for some questions, and to share some kai and then the young people at the event (the audience) will be given one vote to vote on the idea they like the best. The highest bid project will receive the funding, and support to make the project a reality.

Individuals, teams, or organisations with a particular interest in a relevant community can apply for the fund. A young person or young people (aged 12-24) is required to lead or are be a major part of planning, developing or presenting the project the funding is requested for.



Each project is required to address an aspect of the Christchurch Youth Action Plan and project plans need to highlight which point/s it is addressing.

The applicant's initiative must be based in, or to the benefit of young people within the community board in which you are presenting (it can focus on one specific ward or



multiple in the community board).

## Spreydon-Cashmere: Community series

On the 1st September we held our pilot for Community Series in the Spreydon- Cashmere ward. This event was held at the South library by CYC partnered with Spreydon-Cashmere Youth Community Voices (SCYCV).

We had two wonderful pitches on the day, unfortunately our third did not arrive but it would have added to the event to see a bit more competition.



Our First pitch was a very well put together presentation from TedX Youth. Their presentation showed us how the \$1000 dollars would be used to make the their event sustainable and to provide a great experience for their attendees.

3.5.1 ISSUE There are a lack of events and cheap attractions for young people in Christchurch.

4.1.3 ISSUE Single use plastic bags are wasteful and used too often in Christchurch.

Our second pitch was an inspiring presentation from Rachel Corkin who had support from Kate our CYC staff member to develop her Idea of using the \$1000 towards running a Youth market in Spreydon-Cashmere that was inclusive for youth with disabilities. Issue: There is no sense of community in areas young people live in.

3.4.3

Aspiration: Communities within Christchurch are strong and thriving with the ability to hold events and festivals

3.5.1

Issue: There are a lack of events and cheap attractions for young people in Christchurch



Aspiration: Young people can take part and lead a variety of events in Christchurch, and can access local facilities and attractions at low or no cost

There was then an opportunity for networking, food and music while the voting took place, this was great as it definitely added to the close community feel of the event that we wanted to achieve.

We then invited up Melanie Coker and Karolin Potter from the Spreydon-Cashmere community board to give the audience a quick Community board 101 and update about things happening in the ward.

The votes were counted and TedX youth received the pot of money with Rachel taking runner up.

We were very happy to support TedX with their event and SCYCV will be working with Rachel to help see her event happen and develop her idea further.

We are really excited to take the learnings and insight from our pilot event into the new year when we are planning to hold events in the six other community boards. We would like to thank the Christchurch City Council for providing us with the funding to develop this opportunity.

## **Slice of Youth**

*Alice Bevin*

Slice of Youth (SOY) was an initiative from 2016 that we continued to run during 2017 and the beginning of 2018. SOY was created by both Executive and General members of CYC who were motivated to create an event, which increased youth engagement and allowed them to be exposed to many different ideas and projects in Christchurch. The official SOY committee for 2018 was; Becky Watson, Claudia McDonald, Daniella Damm, Dom Wilson, Jess McLennan and Piper Pengelly.

SOY was inspired by the Ministry of Awesome weekly event, Coffee and Jam. Coffee and Jam is a fantastic and very popular initiative but as it is run during school hours, youth who were still at school were not able to attend. With the support of the Ministry of Awesome and the amazing Erica from the Ministry of Awesome (who was extremely helpful), we were able to continue running Slice of Youth over the past three years as an event aimed at 16-24 year olds.

In 2016 and 2017, we had been running SOY with a very similar structure to Coffee and Jam. Each of our three events has included a small networking session with food at the beginning, two or three speakers/performers, and a shout-out session (this is when people get 20 seconds to stand up and offer their services/let people know if there is something to get involved in). Our events have been held on the fantastic and accessible EPIC Innovation campus.



However, we decided to change it up a bit for Slice of Youth 2018- a successful event continues to evolve and create interest! We wanted to connect with specific areas of Christchurch and tailor the event to the interests of that community. We also wanted to connect with Community Boards and show them as more accessible to young people. For this event, CYC chose to connect with the Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board and held the event at La Vida Conference and Community Centre in Riccarton.

We chose the theme wellbeing, and the event began with a Nuts and Bolts session where people could go around the room and choose to either make a rice roll, write wellbeing tips on sticky notes, try and hit the piñata, mingle with others, or eat. After this, we were lucky enough to have Emily Arps from All Right? speak to us about wellbeing, and Emily brought along the fantastic Habit Sticks and Downtime Dice. This was followed by another Nuts and Bolts session. We then had Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board member Catherine Chu speak to us about what a Community Board does and what they are doing for their area, as well as what it is like for Catherine to be a young person on a community board. We finished the evening with our classic Shout-out Session and feedback on the event.

Slice of Youth has been a positive and educational experience over the past three years! We have managed to cover a wide range of topics-well being, motivated youth, cultural diversity, education, and sustainability. We have also collaborated with Bounce and the Hurunui Youth Council for two of our events in 2016 and 2017. We have had some great feedback on SOY and many people have been keen to attend other Slice of Youth events. The organisation of each Slice of Youth event has also been a great opportunity for members of CYC to try their hands at various event organisation roles. Jobs such as catering, venue organisation, being an MC, and creating the run sheet have been delegated to various members of the organising committee. We have had some great catering, with delicious rice rolls, sushi and fresh fruit being main features!

Slice of Youth has been a fantastic event for CYC to have run over 2017, 2017 and 2018 and we are very grateful to many people and organisations that have helped make this event work!

## Youth Awards

*Harriet Fraser*

On the 31st of August Youth Voice Canterbury held the second Canterbury youth awards in order to celebrate the amazing things young people are doing in their communities and the outstanding people who support them. Many members of the Christchurch youth council attended this event including myself. On behalf of CYC I can wholeheartedly say we had an amazing experience



connecting with like minded youth from all around Canterbury as well as celebrating each other's achievements.

The CYC members nominated for an award include Kendra Burgess-Naude and Jess McLennan who were both nominated for the Wayne Francis charitable trust leadership award. Claudia McDonald was nominated for the University of Canterbury community action award, Harriet Fraser was nominated for the YMCA Christchurch young champion award and Kate Burgess was nominated for the Vodafone New Zealand foundation Te tohu hihiri taumata award for supporting young people. Piper Pengelly and Dom Wilson were nominated as part of a group of students for the Te tohu tokomaha award for representing and working together to benefit other young people in their community. Sarah Lawrence was also nominated for this award as part of another group of students. Overall from this experience aside from having an amazing night filled with good music and yummy food we were able to connect with and learn from many inspirational other young people and adults.

Personally I came away from this experience feeling very lucky for living in a region where young people are supported and encouraged to make positive changes in their communities and personal lives.

# Looking Ahead

2019 will be another exciting year for the Christchurch Youth Council. We hope to continue our work with the Christchurch Youth Action Plan. We are hoping to further engage in different communities within Christchurch, focusing less on the central city and more on community outreach and relationships. Next year is an all important local election year, this is something that the Christchurch Youth Council finds very important, and we hope to engage as many young people as possible in the elections and support them to be active citizens and cast their vote. We would like to thank everyone who has helped us this year, and will continue to help and support us in to 2019. Look out 2019, we are coming for you!

