

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS & CONTEXT

Many things impact the hauora of young people, and their ability to express their voice or participate in leadership.

Broad societal contexts, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, natural disasters, and the cost-of-living crisis, impact the growth of the tree.

Individual factors also have significant influence, including family, school, work, and community. Much like the weather, these environments can change rapidly.

We must be mindful of how wider contexts either help or hinder young people.

The way the tree develops will be influenced by the environment it grows in as well as the support it receives.

Voice and leadership will develop differently for every young person.

Without strong roots, the tree cannot grow or develop. Likewise, without caring for the hauora of young people, we cannot expect strong voices and leadership to flourish.

OUTCOMES

When the tree flourishes, young people are enabled to lead their own lives, have their identities seen, valued, and respected, and have increasing influence in their communities and over government policy.

In a positive environment, the voices and perspectives of young people are listened to, valued, and embedded in decision-making at all levels.

Positive outcomes feed back into the soil and nurture the roots of the tree.

VOICE & LEADERSHIP

The koru designs that extend from the handprints are reminiscent of the kowhaiwhai patterns that can be found in the wharehau of most mārae. The koru connect to the hands upholding the roots of the tree, representing tīpuna, whānau, communities, peers, teachers, and youth workers who play important roles in supporting the hauora of young people and the growth of voice and leadership.

HAUORA



The concept for this visual model was created in collaboration with the MYD Youth Advisory Group to help bring the vision of the Youth Plan to life alongside the whakataukī.

The artwork for the model was created by Caleb Ihe, founder of Kanuehi Creative Studios.

Ko Caleb Wiki Kanuehi Ihe ahau. Nō Waioatahe ahau, he uri nō nā tūpuna o Mātaatua me Tainui waka. I currently reside in my hometown of Whakatāne in the Eastern Bay of Plenty. Today and for the rest of my life, I am choosing to lead by example for local rangatahi in my community in how I present and conduct myself and my business and aspire to inspire them as they pursue their dreams and goals for the future.