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NEWSLETTER

## New look AYV



Welcome to your all new AYV!

This is the first edition of the new look AYV newsletter - we hope you like it as much as we do!

The new AYV is all about getting you and other young people across NZ more actively involved in the network, by contributing and sharing stories.

We want to hear what YOU have been up to in your communities and tell us about any opportunities you know of and want to share with other young people across New Zealand.

Just flick us an email to [ayv@myd.govt.nz](mailto:ayv@myd.govt.nz)

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## Have your say - decide the theme and go in to win

As part of the all new AYV newsletter, we are interested to find out about the issues and topics you have on your mind at the moment!

Email us about the things you are currently thinking about to [ayv@myd.govt.nz](mailto:ayv@myd.govt.nz) and we'll use these to determine the theme for the next edition AYV.

Keep an eye on the AYV Facebook page over the next couple of weeks, where we'll post the results.

We want you to turn the chosen theme into stories to share with other young people around NZ! You'll also go into the draw to win a \$50 voucher or AYV T-Shirt when you send us your contributions!

It's all about having your voice heard!

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## Launch at Festival for the Future 2014 (#FFTF14)

Some MYD team members, including two Youth Advisory Group members, were at the Festival for the Future (FFTF) 2014, 5-7 September to celebrate and promote AYV with a stall.

This featured a fun 'photo-booth' activity with dress ups, chalk boards, polaroid pictures and give-aways.

The AYV launch was a great success, with lots of young people coming up and interacting at the stall, joining the network and showing their interest to write for the newsletter!

[Check out the speakers from this year's festival](#)

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## Take part in the AYV photo competition

As part of the AYV stall at FFTF, we ran an AYV photo-booth competition. Now YOU can also go into the draw to win a \$50 Harvey Norman voucher or an AYV T-Shirt!

Just post your picture, incorporating what you love about AYV, and 'like' the [AYV Facebook page](#).

Make sure to follow the competition on Facebook and check out our photos from the launch.

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## Gallipoli 2015 Social Media Campaign

The Gallipoli 2015 social media campaigns was held from Friday 26 September - 3 October. We put the call out for young people interested to participate through the AYV Facebook page, and had lots of applications.

Twenty young people were selected to create a social media campaign and compete for one of three spots to become a Youth Ambassador. They will join 22 other Youth Ambassadors representing New Zealand and will travel to Gallipoli, Turkey in 2015 for the 100 year commemorations of the landing on Gallipoli Peninsula.

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## Youth Week Award winner launches online anti-bullying tool



Nakita Turner, whose work to reduce bullying resulted in a Change Makers Award from MYD in May this year, released an online tool for teachers and youth workers in September. This [free online discussion resource](#) called "One Voice" was produced in partnership with youth organisation [Zeal](#) through their advocacy brand, "[Live for Tomorrow](#)". It is designed to help spark conversations in schools and communities around bullying.

Zeal received funding to deliver their "Live for Tomorrow" project through MSD's Social Media Innovation Fund, available as part of the Prime Minister's Youth Mental Health Project.

When released in March, the 15 year old singer / songwriter's anti-bullying song "One Voice" received more than 50,000 views in one week from countries all around the world.

The anti-bullying online tool is now available at: <http://www.livefortomorrow.co.nz/onevoice>

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## Sione's Quest

Sione Paea is in the midst of training for a 30-day individual feat taking him from Cape Reinga to Bluff by bike and rowboat, to give him an experience to farewell his teenage years and raise money for the Child Cancer Foundation at the same time.

Not your average 19-year old, Sione has chosen to farewell his teenage years this way after conquering obstacles he faced in the past.

A few years ago, Sione hit rock bottom and turned to alcohol to comfort him. In his words "I dug deep inside to find my inner strength and get back up again. Now, I am on a mission to shine the light upon youth who are struggling to find purpose of their life and through this challenge, I hope to accomplish my mission."

Sione is also working with other organisations supporting young people, such as Bully Free Bro and the Rotorua Youth Centre.

To read more about Sione's inspiring journey [go here](#).

If you feel like you're struggling, there is help available. You can ring Youthline for free and talk to someone, or get advice.

**Youthline: 0800 37 66 33**



## RealMe

Do you want an easy and secure way to share your personal information with organisations online and be in control?

'RealMe' lets you access services and also prove your identity online. Imagine being able to apply for loans and government services – all while lying on the couch!

RealMe offers two services. Login allows you to access lots of services with just one username and password. Or you can take RealMe to the next level with a verified RealMe account. With a verified account you can prove who you are online with businesses that need to know exactly who their customers are, so they can offer secure online services.



[Find out more about RealMe](#)

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## UNESCO applications

The New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO is seeking applications for its first contestable funding round for the 2014/5 financial year.

To be successful, your project must demonstrate that it can contribute to one or more of the Strategic Priorities of the National Commission as stated on their website.

Below is the link to the application form, referee form and funding guidelines

<http://unesco.govt.nz/news-and-events/current>

**Applications are due with the Secretariat by 5pm on Friday 10 October 2014.**

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## Spirit of Adventure Trust

Did you know that MYD contributes funding to a number of national programmes, including the Spirit of Adventure Trust?

The Spirit of Adventure Trust (The Spirit) offers young people aged 15 to 18 years the opportunity to experience a sail of a lifetime through their 10-Day Youth Development voyage.

If you are interested in this opportunity talk to someone in your school or check out the website [www.spiritofadventure.org.nz](http://www.spiritofadventure.org.nz) for more information on the 2014 Sailing Schedule and what is on offer.



### Hori's Spirit of Adventure

With the support of his grandmother Christine and Ron, a long time mentor to Hori, the Spirit of Tasman Bay Trust and the Tasman District Council, Hori was able to make the voyage.

Read Hori's Spirit of Adventure story.

## Be the Change - bullying

'Be the Change' wants YOUR input and ideas on how to deal with bullying and encourage pro-social behaviours.

Visit 'Be the Change' New Zealand's website at [www.bethechange.co.nz](http://www.bethechange.co.nz) to learn more about bullying and pro-active ideas to create change.

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## Youth Week 2015



The theme for Youth Week 2015 is "We are the Future", which was announced by Ara Taiohi after they took votes to decide on this.

Youth Week 2015 will be held from the 23-31 May 2015.

If you or a school you know of would like to be involved in the poster design process [visit the Ara Taiohi's website.](#)

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## YOUR stories



In this section you can read stories written by AYV members about what they have been up to in their communities and abroad; at events, programmes and exciting opportunities they have been involved in or know about!

Email us your stories anytime to [ayv@myd.govt.nz](mailto:ayv@myd.govt.nz)

**As these stories are written by young people for young people, the Ministries of Youth Development and Social Development do not implicitly or impliedly endorse the views presented in this publication unless otherwise stated.**

## Youth Initiatives in Gore - by Kayla McIntosh

Currently I am working as the Youth Development Coordinator in Gore through the Community Networking Trust and the Social Sector Trials. I am also contracted by the Gore District Council 10 hours per week to support, guide and lead the Youth Council.

[Read more about the initiatives in Gore and Kayla's full story](#)

## Millenium Youth Camp in Finland - by Bokyong Mun



Early in June, I was extremely fortunate to be one of two New Zealanders to spend just over a week in Finland, with 59 other bright, bubbly and excited teens from around the world. We all came to the capital Helsinki to be a part of the 5th Millennium Youth Camp.

I was in the Renewable Resources team, made up of people from all around the world.

[Read Bokyong's full story and learn more about Millenium Youth Camp](#)

If you like the sound of Bokyong's experience, Why not apply for this opportunity next year!

[Apply for the Millennium Youth Camp](#)

## Rotorua Youth Environment Forum - by Patience Ngara

The Rotorua Youth Environment Forum (RYEF) is a group of secondary school students established and supported by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council. RYEF organises activities and events aimed at increasing environmental awareness amongst the young people of Rotorua. The focus for the past three years has been on cleaning up the Uthina Stream which runs through urban Rotorua.

On 20 June, RYEF coordinated a planting and clean up day at Ohinemutu alongside local community and Sustainable Coastlines.

[Read Patience's full story](#)

## Stage Challenge: A Backstage pass - by Kathryn Feldon

Kathryn, a bubbly, 24-year old qualified Primary School Teacher currently living in the mighty Waikato, spent one month bussing around the North Island of New Zealand - to get an insight into what it takes to create the Stage Challenge events!

After 10 shows, over 1, 000kms in a bus, early mornings, late nights and high-fiving thousands of performers just before they grace the stage – Kathryn has gained valuable life experience, made great friends and lasting memories!

[Read Kathryn's full story](#)

## Youth Jobs Horowhenua - by Liam Mcleavey

Kia Ora, my name is Liam Mcleavey and I am 14 years old. I am the Deputy Chairperson of Youth Voice Horowhenua and the Founder of Youth Jobs Horowhenua. I'm from a small town in New Zealand called Levin, which is a beautiful slice of land located just north of Otaki past the Himatangi Straights.

At the start of August I launched the social initiative called Youth Jobs Horowhenua, which is a social initiative designed to help youth aged 13-24 find a job, as well as promote youth working in New Zealand.

[Read Liam's full story](#)

## New Zealand Fashion Week highlights - by Nive Sharat Chandran



I had an absolute blast at New Zealand Fashion Week this year thanks to the Ministry of Youth Development (MYD). Through MYD I received a double pass to the two 'New Generation Show' held on Tuesday and Thursday, which featured some of Aotearoa's up and coming designers including a good friend of mine – Nomsa Mabuto Botshiwe.

[Read Nive's full story on Facebook](#)

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