

NOTES FROM A BROCKVILLE YOUTH/RANGATAHI MEETING

HELD: Thursday July 12, 2012 – from 4.45pm AT: Brockville Community Church, 274 Brockville Road

PRESENT: Stacey Kitto, Andrew Hornby, Jenna Boyes, Wendy Boyes, Patrick Boyes, Josh Scott,

ALSO: Marie Laufiso, Andrew Scott, Manea Tekii, (later) Paulette Boyes

APOLOGIES/NOT PRESENT: Xana, Natalee Hughes' daughter (via facebook), Tamara White Tekii, Evotia Laufiso, Onsemo Fanolua

FROM PERSONAL INTRODUCTIONS AND EXPRESSING OUR HOPES FOR THIS MEETING, FOR BROCKVILLE

- Change Brockville's negative image
- Build confidence in Brockville's people.
- Brockville Community Development Project's (BCDP) approach: that to be intimately involved with decision-making, Young People need to have power, need to be at the "top of the step-ladder."

DISCUSSION OF THE CONCEPTS OF A BROCKVILLE YOUTH COUNCIL / FORUM and a YOUTH WORKER

- Funding and resources are available through the BCDP
- This includes funding for one year for a Youth Worker in Brockville
- How would a Brockville Youth Forum / Youth Council work?
- What support would there be for our decision-making?
- How would a Youth Worker in Brockville be supported by the BCDP?
- Questions that arose when the BCDP was first being discussed.
- Requires Young People in Brockville negotiating and building/strengthening relationships with (a) other Young People (b) older People
- A balancing act for Young People ~ making decisions independent of Parents/Adults ~ some of which may be "dumb" (wanting to build a heli-port for example)

WHAT WOULD BE THE KEY TASKS FOR OUR YOUTH WORKER?

WHAT TYPE OF PERSON WILL WE BE LOOKING FOR – TO BE BROCKVILLE'S YOUTH WORKER?

- A first- or second-year Uni student – who is old enough for the responsibility and still young enough to connect with younger people.
- Has been involved with Youth groups her/himself.
- NOT a 25 to 30 year old – because basically they've lost it, the understanding of what it is to be a kid.
- Can communicate/work cross-culturally because Brockville is a very culturally-diverse community.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS FROM HERE - FROM TODAY'S MEETING?

1. Young People at this meeting start talking to other Young People (including those who could not be here today)
2. Forming a sub-committee of up to 12 Young People in Brockville who will start learning the Employment Process.

NOTED:-

- Andrew (Hornby) and Wendy keen to be involved in co-ordinating this process.
- As Andrew (Scott) had to learn the whole process for employing the BCDP worker, he is available as a consultant.
- Andrew Scott can be present at the next meeting(s) to be consulted on Employment matters.
- Josh and Cameron (Boyes) are so busy – they may only be involved from time to time.
- SUGGESTED that Young People “get going” immediately and pick up other Young People as You go. (“Suck it and See.”)
- Young People writing their contact details in Andrew’s (Hornby) book.
- Marie will send the notes from today to Andrew Hornby - with contact details other Young People in Brockville).
- Andrew will then send out the notes and liaise/co-ordinate with Wendy ~ getting other Young Brockville People to the next meeting.

ALSO DISCUSSED

- Whether to have WEEKLY or FORTNIGHTLY meetings.
- Hope of the BCDP is to have a Youth Worker in place by / around August 26th – that is in SIX WEEKS. So, need to be meeting weekly.

NEXT MEETING IS TO BE HELD FROM 4.30pm ON WEDNESDAY JULY 18th – next week

PIZZA & OTHER REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

Will set the date / time for the next meeting (#3) at Wednesday’s meeting.

MEETING ENDED AT 5.25pm.