## YOUTH BOREDOM BUSTING SUMMER PROJECTS 2012

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Background NZ Communities recognise that our lengthy 2-month summer school holiday is a major contributor to our 15-18 year olds getting bored. Youth jobs are scarce and by late January many parents are back at work and youth left at home. Congregating is seen as an answer to the boredom and some gatherings will eventually lead to an involvement in anti-social behaviour.

**Objective** To create 'Service Learning Experiences' within the community for 15-18-year-olds. Research shows youth volunteer projects achieve best success compared to other projects when looking to reduce anti-social behaviour. Youth involved in positive activities may develop a better understanding of negative activities.

Method Stakeholders identified, planning workshop and Steering Group formed. Needs Assessment conducted and delivery strategy developed. 8 projects created and media promulgation. Registrations received and acknowledged with project details.

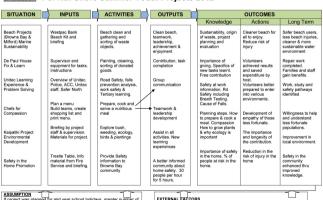
Results One project was cancelled prior to commencement. We managed 74 placements in the supervised projects from 41 registrations. After the first day volunteers were keen to participate in other projects in the subsequent days. All but one completed their proiects. Each completed an evaluation of the project and received a participation certificate to reflect the community contribution. Most volunteers came from two secondary schools and from one church group.

Conclusions Youth prefer hands-on activity over indoor non-active learning activities. At-risk youth were noticeably absent. We were unable to gather comments from the at-risk youth so no conclusion was reached regarding anti-social behaviour.

<sup>1</sup>Presenting Multiple Risky Behaviours Among Adolescents: seven Strategies. Terzian, Andrews & Moore.

## Evaluation - For Nth Shore Summer Youth Projects 2012





## Nth Shore Boredom Busting Summer **Projects 2012**



A Service Learning Experience for 15-18yr olds

Summertime ... time for chilling out, hanging with your mates and having fun in the sun. But near the e hols the novelty's wearing off, the money's run out and maybe you're up for something different.

How about doing something worthwhile and while doing it, meet new friends, make new connections and have experiences that might inflame your passion or even help you get a foot in the door for a job. Volunteering puts a big tick in the box for employers looking at your CV. You will receive a certificate acknowledging your participation in a volunteer project, showing you've gotten off your but and put in a few hard yards ... one thing you'll have over others competing for the same jobs

January	No	. Activity	Venue	Time	No. of places
24th	1	Marine/Shore Sustainability Westpac  Beach clean-up confirmed for Browns Bay, Milford, Takapuna and Devonport	Browns Bay Milford, Takapuna & Devonport (meet at the local Westpac)	11.30am	48 each
26th	2	Showcase and learning experience Unitec  A day of exploring the tertiary world including intro to retail work and online activities.	10 Rothwell Ave, North Harbour Industrial Estate, Albany	09.00am	20
24-27 1,2 or 3 days	3	Fix N' Learn Day.  De Paul House  There may be some heavy lifting req'd but minimal.	92-96 Onewa Road Northcote	08.30am	5
26th	4	Mix em up Day. Freedom Fitness, Birkenhead Intro to Exercise, Business and other activities	Freedom Fitness 33 Rawene Ave Birkenhead	08.30am	40
Planning Session.  25  Meal 18 February	5	Cooking for a cause Chefs for Compassion -  Become an assistant chef for a day and create a real meal for a special family.	North Shore - Northcote	Timing to be advised later	6
26	6	Problem solving ACC Develop a programme to reduce slips, trips, falls in and around the home.	Unitec, 10 Rothwell Ave, Albany	09.00 am	15
24-27	7	Safety in the Home promotion  NZ Fire Service  3 teams promote the message in different shopping locations. Plan and design a programme.	Albany, Takapuna, Browns Bay	11.00am to 4.00pm	20
24	8	Out in the Woods Kaipatiki Project Exploring the bush, potting up plants, weeding. Learn about ecology, native birds/plants	Beachhaven / Glenfield area	9.00am to 12.30pm	5-14

To get more information or to register, phone or text your name and the number of the project ...

For enquiries made between 9-12 January

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