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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.¹Youth 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 projects. 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.

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

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 end of the 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 butt 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 (meet at the local Westpac)	Browns Bay Milford, Takapuna & Devonport	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 ...

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Evaluation - For Nth Shore Summer Youth Projects 2012



SITUATION	INPUTS	ACTIVITIES	OUTPUTS	OUTCOMES	
				Knowledge	Long Term
Beach Projects (Browns Bay & Milford) Marine Sustainability	Westpac Bank Beach Kit and briefing	Beach clean and gathering and sorting of waste objects.	Clean beach, teamwork, leadership, achievement & enjoyment	Sustainability, origin of waste, project planning and evaluation	Cleaner beach for all to enjoy. Reduce risk of injury
De Paul House Fix & Learn	Supervisor and equipment for tasks. Instructions	Painting, cleaning, sorting of donated goods	Contribution, task completion	Importance of giving. Specifics of new task learnt. Free contribution	Volunteers achieved results and saved expenditure by host. Volunteers better prepared to enter into various environments.
Unitec Learning Experience & Problem Solving	Overview of Unitec. Police, ACC, Unitec staff, Safer North	Road Safety, falls prevention analysis, work safety & Tertiary learning	Group communication	Safety at work information, Rd Safety including Breath Testing. Cause of Falls.	Repair work completed. Families and staff gain benefits.
Chefs for Compassion	Plan a menu. Build teams, create shopping list and print menu.	Prepare, cook and serve a nutritious meal	Teamwork & leadership development	Planning steps. How to prepare & cook a meal. Compassion. How to grow plants & why ecology is important	Work, study and safety pathways identified
Kaipatiki Project Environmental Development	Briefing by project staff & supervision. Materials for project.	Explore bush, weeding, ecology, birds & plantings	Assist in all activities. New learning experiences	Importance of safety in the home. % of people at risk in the home.	Willingness to help and understand less fortunate populations. Improvement in local environment.
Safety in the Home Promotion	Trestle Table, Info material from Fire Service and briefing.	Provide Safety information to Browns Bay community	A better informed community about home safety. 30 people per hour for 5 hours.	Reduction in the risk of injury in the home	Safety in the community enhanced thru improved knowledge.
ASSUMPTION If project was planned for mid year school holidays, greater number of volunteers would participate. The majority of the volunteers were very life focused and their participation in anti-social behaviour is unlikely in the future.				EXTERNAL FACTORS The number of volunteers was adversely affected by many being away in the December/January period and missed project promotion material.	