

Memo



To: Gore District Youth Council
From: Youth Development Coordinator
Date: **11 September 2015**
Subject: Notice of Meeting

Notice is given that there will be a Youth Council Meeting on **Monday 21 September 2015 starting at 4.00pm – 7.00pm** in the **Gore District Council Chambers**.

We will start the meeting with light refreshments followed by Pizza for tea.

Please bring your Youth Council folders and a pen. Please wear your School Uniform or your Youth Council T Shirt.

Agenda

1. Apologies

Please remember that when you signed up for the Youth Council you agreed that you would be available on the set meeting dates. If for some reason you cannot attend it is compulsory to send through an apology.

Please email any apologies to Kayla Mitchell kmitchell@goredc.govt.nz or Kylie Weir kweir@goredc.govt.nz or phone 03 209 0385

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Confirm the minutes from the Youth Council meeting held on 10 August 2015 as a true and correct record.

3. Council Agenda Items

4. Craig Sinclair from Emergency Management Southland

Craig is coming to the meeting to give a short presentation on NZ Shakeout.

ShakeOut is an initiative that is designed to get New Zealanders thinking about what to do in an earthquake. The reason for the presentation is to make the Youth council

aware of an exercise on 15 October and encourage them to sign up and encourage their friends.

5. New Zealand Youth Parliament 2016

Youth Parliament is an opportunity for young New Zealanders to learn first-hand about New Zealand's democracy, to influence government decision making as active citizens and to have their views heard by MPs, key decision-makers and the general public.

Youth Parliament replicates the real Parliament as closely as possible. Youth MPs have the opportunity to debate legislation, sit on select committees and ask oral parliamentary questions of Ministers. 121 Youth MPs hold their positions for a tenure period from 25 January, 2016 to 25 July, 2016. During their tenure, Youth MPs are expected to actively engage with their community to gain an understanding of the ideas and concerns of youth in their community.

A Youth MP is someone who is passionate about youth issues, politics and social change and is confident engaging with a wide range of people.

They should be:

- aged 16-18 on 16 October, 2015
- active in their community
- able to seek the views, opinions and ideas of their peers and represent them at Youth Parliament 2016
- able to attend Youth Parliament and commit to the Youth MP tenure from 25 January to 25 July, 2016
- prepared to work within the protocols and behavioural expectations of Youth Parliament 2016.

Each Member of Parliament operates their own selection process. To apply to be a Youth Member of Parliament, contact a local MP.

Each MP will have a closing date on or before the latest date for applications of 16 October, 2015.

More information can be found online at:

<http://www.myd.govt.nz/young-people/youth-parliament/index.html#Toapplytobea2016YouthMemberofParliament3>

6. MC/Host for the Gore youth Awards

Discussion to be held on who could MC/Host the 2015 Gore Youth Awards.

7. Gore youth Awards Update

Kayla will provide an update on the Youth Awards planning that has occurred so far.

8. Feedback on surveys for event planning

9. Event Planning Workshop

Emma Carle will be present to run an event planning workshop. As a part of the requirements for our funding we received.