



HOW IT IS FUNDED AND HOW IT WORKS.

The Mayors Taskforce for Jobs is a nationwide network of Mayors working collectively on youth employment.

VISION

Our vision is the Zero Waste of Young People.

GOAL

Our goal is: *“that all young people under the age of 25 be engaged in appropriate education, training, work or other options which will lead to long-term economic independence and well being.”*

We are particularly focusing on ensuring all young people make positive transitions from education and training into our communities and are supported to do so. In this area our vision is: *“that every school leaver has the support to connect to opportunities within their own community.”*

The Taskforce was established in April 2000, with an initial membership of 7 Mayors. The Taskforce now has 64 members – 95% of all New Zealand Mayors.

The Taskforce works by developing partnerships with Government agencies, business, unions, training organisations, economic development agencies and the community and voluntary sector using the leadership of the Mayor to achieve our goal at the local level. This has involved supporting various Government employment initiatives, (such as the current Community Max programme); delivering workshops in conjunction with local business and economic development agencies; running industry training graduations; providing seed funding for Mayors initiatives (such as Careers Months); undertaking independent research and participating in local and national policy forums.

Administrative running of the Taskforce is undertaken by a Core Group of 19 Mayors, under the legal umbrella of Local Government New Zealand. The Core Group is self selecting and contracts WorkWise Solutions Ltd to provide executive and secretarial services for the Taskforce.

The Taskforce is funded by Mayors subscriptions – 8cents per head of population to a maximum of \$7,500; and by grants from Local Government New Zealand, Department of Labour and Ministry of Social Development. Over the life of the Taskforce we have received project funding for specific projects from The Tindall Foundation, Te Puni Kokiri, Ministry of Youth Development, JR McKenzie Trust, Industry Training Organisations and the Tertiary Education Commission.

For further information check out the website. All our annual reports are on the website along with recent events and publications.

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