

YOUTH ARTS NEW ZEALAND

Meet our future Shore Junction partner: Youth Arts New Zealand

Led by three young change makers, Youth Arts New Zealand is an organisation that has taken strides toward facilitating inter-connectivity and opportunity for creative youth since its conception in December 2017.

Under the vision of AIME'S Emerging Talent Award winner and founder Matthew Goldsworthy, Youth Arts New Zealand arose to acknowledge and combat a distinct lack of professional validation of creative arts within the current educational climate. Since then, the team has broadened its scope by reaching into a number of platforms and mediums through which youth creativity might be further encouraged.

Beginning in August, YANZ has created monthly youth-centred Creative Open Mic Nights at Dominion Road's MoveSPACE, with the intention of encouraging a safe and empowered space for young people to experiment with and develop their self-expression.

In December, Youth Arts New Zealand facilitated The Thing About Music 2018 – a new take on the concert experience tailored to celebrate youth and the diversity of their creative endeavours. Throughout the summer, YANZ has partnered with Play it Strange to bring Britomart patrons Strange Summer Streets: a youth performance in Takutai Square every Saturday evening, with the aim of celebrating the role of young musicians in urban culture.

With photographer/filmmaker Harrison Sugrue and scholarship psychology student Zak Devey on board, the new and consolidated vision of Youth Arts New Zealand heading into 2019 is set for scale and infrastructure growth. With an ambassadorship program in the works and a growing team set on providing creative educational resources for young artists, the passion that Youth Arts New Zealand brings to the table signals disruption for New Zealand's creative culture.

The YANZ team encourages young people to share their creative dreams and projects, so that together we may make them a reality.

If you would like to get involved, don't hesitate to get in touch with the team at hello@youtharts.co.nz or reach out on the organisation's Facebook page.

Our creative neighbourhood is set for change, and Youth Arts New Zealand stands at the helm in building a creatively conscious country for our youth to live in.



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WHAT IS SHORE JUNCTION

Shore Junction is a youth innovation hub in Takapuna designed to provide a safe space for young people to connect, belong, collaborate, learn and innovate.

It will provide opportunities for young people to connect socially outside of school, and to access a range of facilities, programmes and events that are designed to support their wellbeing and accelerate their potential.

Shore Junction will support young people to prepare for their future pathways by supporting them to develop key skills and by connecting them to business and enterprise.

The Shore Junction building offers “two floors of amazing” - flexible, shared spaces for young people to convene and collaborate. The use of space can be continuously refined in response to the needs and ideas of young people.

FUTURE OF WORK | FUTURE OF SKILLS

A 2017 study by Mckinsey & Company found that almost half the activities people are currently paid to do globally could theoretically be automated using current technologies. With the future of work developing so rapidly, the skill sets of our young people need to shift with it.

People of any age will not simply train for jobs in the future; they will use the tools of social media platforms, creative design thinking and the vast access to worldwide expertise to increase their success. Devin Fidler, Research Director at the Institute for the Future is confident that as basic automation and machine learning become more prominent in the workplace, unique human skills will become more valuable.

Skills and capabilities our young people need to enhance and focus on more are social and emotional skills and advanced cognitive capabilities, such as logical reasoning and creativity.

CareersNZ has identified the seven essential employability skills: positive attitude, communication, teamwork, self-management, willingness to learn, thinking skills and resilience. It is for this employability reason soft skills are more important than ever.

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WORLD AND THE FUTURE
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AND EMPATHY.**

**~ TIFFANY SHLAIN,
FILMMAKER AND FOUNDER
OF THE WEBBY AWARDS**

Soft skills involve personality traits and interpersonal skills, these stem from who you are and how you interact with the world around you. These skills can be broken down into two categories: internal and external. Internal soft skills relate directly to how you interact with yourself (accepting criticism, critical thinking/problem solving, resilience). External soft skills relate directly to how you talk to and handle the people around you (effective communication, adaptability, negotiation). All of these skills can be trained, harnessed, and strengthened.

Along with our Pillar Programming, Shore Junction will offer a range of workshops and development opportunities to refine soft skills and basic life skills. These sessions, tailored specifically to young people will include skill training that is not commonly available within high school curriculum or tertiary education.

<https://www.careers.govt.nz/plan-your-career/not-sure-what-to-do/skills-employers-are-looking-for/>

Positive attitude

Communication

Teamwork

Self-management

**EMPLOYABILITY
SKILLS**

**Willingness
to learn**

Thinking skills

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Resilience

SHORE JUNCTION STRATEGIC DRIVERS

Shore Junction's development has been determined by four key strategic drivers:

A COMMUNITY ASSET & OPPORTUNITY:

The re-leasing of the former Takapuna RSA building presented an opportunity for the community to collaborate and repurpose a valued and valuable asset to support positive outcomes for the next generation of community leaders.

ACTIVE YOUTH LEADERS:

A core group of youth leaders with a vision for possibilities.

IDENTIFIED NEED:

Evidence from local young people that identified key gaps in support and possibilities to accelerate potential.

A WIDER MOVEMENT:

Takapuna has been identified as a key innovation corridor, and there is wider movement for regional economic development. This represents a huge opportunity for local youth – but one that requires effective facilitation and brokering.

NEED & OPPORTUNITY IDENTIFIED BY YOUTH

The need for a youth innovation space of this nature was initially identified by key local youth leaders (the Devonport-Takapuna Youth Board, 'YOUnite'); and has subsequently been identified through broad consultation and engagement with young people aged 14-24.

This consultation included intensive co-design events, which explored the current unmet needs of local young people, including:

- A lack of support to build their sense of identity, and the need for a safe space to explore identity, options, opinions and 'self'
- A lack of support to navigate choices and pathways, causing overwhelm
- A lack of support and strategies to cope with significant pressures from school, parents, peers etc.
- A need to access technology as a form of expression and an opportunity to learn and grow their future potential
- Limited safe environments in which to build strong social connections
- A lack of people and places to turn to for advice
- Limited opportunities to explore their creativity - young people want a space to make music, art, dance, film, coding, programming etc.

Shore Junction has been designed in direct response to these needs. It is also a strengths based response to a common aspiration identified by the young people that we engaged with – the desire to contribute to change within their communities, for the environment and wider society - and for a space that can facilitate this.

