

# SHORE JUNCTION

WHERE IDEAS COLLIDE AND FUTURE PATHS FORGE



## A NOTE FROM OUR COMMUNITY DIRECTOR - MELANIE BARR

This month I am connecting with high schools on the North Shore to host tours of Shore Junction with teaching and professional staff. Shore Junction will complement the school curriculum and advance the abilities of Shore youth. In doing so, we want to work with the schools to create programmes and events that complement the school programmes.

Following these tours, YOUNITE will lead a weekend tour day for students, Shore students will be able to visit Shore Junction to see what the building will encompass and how they can use the space.

To encompass the co-design process a Shore Junction Youth Advisor and I will be visiting schools during the lunch hour to facilitate focus groups with students to find out what the programmes of Shore Junction look like to them. This will help us to co-create programmes and activities that speak to the youth and directly deliver on their needs.

## TECHWEEK INVITATION

**The North Shore is the second highest region in NZ for number of tech businesses. Find out the why, the who and the how.**

There is a well-established, organic collection of innovative, ICT based businesses located on the North Shore who are innovating, disrupting and revolutionising on a local and global scale, and it's these businesses that have led to the development of the Grow North Innovation District.

Learn why the North Shore is being tipped as the silicon valley of NZ by hearing from the businesses who are leading the charge, from early start ups right through to the well established. There will also be an amazing array of innovation on display allowing attendees to physically interact with the tech and innovation that is powering the Grow North Innovation District.

Find out all the details including complimentary tickets at:  
<https://goo.gl/wQZ5jq> (copy and paste this link into your browser)

**Thursday 24 May 12 – 6pm**  
**B:Hive - Smales Farm, 72 Taharoto Road, Takapuna, Auckland**

Shore Junction is a proud partner of Grow North.



**LIVE, LEARN  
 WORK, PLAY  
 INNOVATE**

## 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.

# MY SUPPORT FOR SHORE JUNCTION

Alexia Hilbertidou - Social Entrepreneur, Activist and Founder of GirlBoss New Zealand  
AIMES Award winner 2017 - Service to the Community Award

Alexia's young age has been no restriction to her success, having spoken to more than 20,000 young people, teachers and business professionals through her advocacy work.

## Recognition

In 2016, Alexia won the Young Leader Award, an award given to the most influential New Zealand woman under the age of 25, at the New Zealand Women of Influence Awards. She is an Eisenhower Youth Fellow and New Zealand's representative at the Global Teen Leader Summit. Alexia received the AIMES Bellingham Wallace Emergent Talent Award, which enabled her to work full time on GirlBoss. In July 2017, NASA invited Alexia to be part of the SOFIA Project and ride onboard NASA's 747 jumbo jet during an overnight exploratory mission. She is the youngest person to receive such a invitation. Alexia is also the youngest member of the Super Diverse Women Network led by Mai Chen.

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## FROM ALEXIA...

My first social action project, at about 9 years old, was organising a pet drive - my friends and I rallied our peers to make blankets and bring in old toys from home, which we then passed on to the local animal shelter. This was the beginning of my life as an activist and entrepreneur.

As I grew up I embraced technology and enterprise, and I recognised that these skills would be essential if I was to make a significant impact in the future. Problem was, I felt like the odd one out as I was the only girl in my IT and advanced physics classes at my school. I could not understand why, when it was clear that the future was in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), so many girls were missing in action. I also entered a number of science and business competitions and I was disillusioned by the lack of females present. I wanted to find other girls who were interested in these areas so I set up GirlBoss when I was in Year 13.

I would never have guessed that my school project to find like minds would have developed into New Zealand's second largest young women's organisation with more than 8000 members.

Through GirlBoss New Zealand, I interact with thousands of passionate changemakers who are desperate to solve the social issues in their communities. They have the energy, they have the enthusiasm, and now they just desperately need a community, a space, and advice from those who have walked the path before them. Shore Junction is the solution and is the creative launchpad needed to ensure our young people are the leaders of tomorrow, and today.

My hope for Shore Junction, is that young innovators will find their tribe and feel safe and supported to work together across all disciplines - sport, the arts, and technology - to make the world a better place.

The building designs are gorgeous, modern and incredibly youth friendly. I wish Shore Junction existed when I attended school on the North Shore, I would have visited every morning!

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