

Reflections from Involve 2010

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Themes of the Conference

- **MaRatou** – Young people are stronger if they are connected to each other, their family and whanau and their community
- **Ma Matou** – Young people are better supported if the sector is more connected
- **Ma Tatou** – Young People's needs are better met if the sector and young people are connected to the big picture (policy making)

Emphasis on Research

- Our impressions only
- Focused on research
- discussion



Evaluation Research

- Common theme was the need for evaluation
- Need to support each other
- Cost a problem
- Evaluation not just audit need to know what works – waste of time and effort otherwise
- Need to publish and share let the wider world know – tool for advocacy
- Tool for quality standards
- Best Practice

Barriers to evaluation (Terry Ann keynote)

- Cost
- Ourselves
- Patch protection
- Putting down other services
- Measures of success

What are your measures of success?

- Did you achieve the goals of the programme?
- How much did you do, how well, who is better off?
- Positive youth development research – what is it?
- What are your measures of success?

DISCUSSION



Karen Pitman Leadership Forum

- Often a question of language
- Need a common language
- Chris Jansen and his group with funding from the Wayne Francis trust developed a booklet on Positive Youth Development
- (either Chris talk about it or one of us)
- Karen Pitman's theme to advocate for young people to be "ready by 21"
- School and whanau and community help to prepare young people for adulthood
- Job of youth development sector – youth work and health together to plug the leaks
- Not beating the odds but changing them

Youth Health Caucus

- School health growing – nurses paid for by MOH (decile 1&2)
- YOSS growing still no funding
- Need for common data collection
- Dr Aniva Lawrence won Vodafone scholarship – will be working on Medtech collection

Cafe Provoke

- Discussion groups
- Collaborative on how to get research done and to disseminate, work together
- Road map to evidence
- “more dynamic than a directory and not as hard out as a Clearing House”

Future

Seminars 2011

- **17th February** – involve
- **March 31st** young parents (fathers)
- **May 12th** – Family Partnership training
- **June 23rd** What can be learnt from the child and youth mortality review
- **August 4th** Odyssey Youth follow up study Ria Schroder
- **September** – Employment Transitions for Young people Jane Higgins
- **October 27th** –The issues for young people transitioning from youth to adult services Kelly Pope
- **November 17th** research hui Developing positive Youth Development Research
- **December 8th** – The Children and Young People's charter