

COMMUNITY PLAN FORUM

Young people have spoken loud and clear about their vision for the City.

Representatives from eight schools across the City, ranging in age from 13 to 22 attended the Mayor's Youth Forum in August to discuss the Community Plan.

The participants chose to present their findings to the Mayor in creative formats – by acting out role plays, drawing murals and creating a vision statement.

Mayor Anderson said the creative approach had a big impact.

"The presentation was very memorable," he said.

"I was thrilled to hear the young people express so much vigour and interest in their expectations for the future of the City."

Becky Hirst, Community Engagement Officer, says she was also impressed with the energy of the participants and the standard of their suggestions and discussions.

"They were really clued up."

Jan Cornish, Coordinator of the Community Plan Project, agrees.

"It can give us a lot of faith that these are the people who will be leading our communities in the future."

Youth Development Coordinator Sara says she sensed an overwhelming feeling of young people being heard and valued.

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