



Te Hurihanga o Rangatahi
The Youth Hub

**HELP US
FINISH BUILDING
YOUTH HUB
CHRISTCHURCH!**

VISION

To enable all young people in Ōtautahi the opportunity to lead healthy, safe and valued lives, fulfilling their potential and vibrantly contributing to their community.

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Why we need Youth Hub Christchurch

Christchurch's young people have grown up in the shadow of extraordinary challenges. From earthquakes and the mosque attacks to the social disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic – on top of the everyday pressures of navigating the transition to adulthood, with ever-present media.

The latest youth health data confirms what many of us are seeing first-hand: mental health and wellbeing among rangatahi is deteriorating. If we want different outcomes for young people, we must be prepared to do things differently.

That conviction sits at the heart of Youth Hub Christchurch.

A first of its kind in Aotearoa – the Hub brings together safe, supported housing for young people at risk of homelessness with wraparound health, education and social services, alongside welcoming spaces where all young people can belong, connect and have fun.

Since opening Stage One in the central city in late 2024, the Hub has become a vital part of the city’s social infrastructure. Our youth housing wing, managed by Christchurch Methodist Mission, is consistently at capacity. For each of our 22 rooms that becomes available, there are up to 10 young people referred who urgently need a safe place to live.

Our youth services building is also filling rapidly, enabling youth organisations not only to co-locate, but to collaborate – strengthening outcomes through caring, connected support.

We continue to expand the Hub’s free and accessible spaces for young people, with our Outdoor Activities Court open daily and our Events and Activities Centre scheduled to open in April 2026. Creating spaces where people can build confidence, connection and resilience before they reach crisis point – prevention instead of reaction.

With the generosity of donors and partners, more than \$25 million has already been invested to bring Youth Hub Christchurch to life. We need support to complete the vision to build more housing, develop creative arts spaces, a café and garden areas where young people can connect, heal and learn life skills like growing vegetables.

Your investment in the Youth Hub Christchurch is helping to create a city where young people are supported, housed safely, encouraged and given the opportunity to thrive.

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The Hub gives our young people a place to belong and a place where they can meet others and feel safe. It offers many opportunities for young people to grow and develop real life skills or just hang out with new friends.”

Jane Watson, New Zealand netballer and Youth Hub Ambassador.



I invite you to join us and be part of a caring community that believes in the potential of every young person in Christchurch/Otāutahi and Canterbury/Waitaha.

Dame Sue Bagshaw
Chair of the Youth Hub Trust



The Youth Hub
once complete

WHAT WE'RE BUILDING

Youth Hub Christchurch is located at 109 Salisbury Street in the central city.

This acre (4000 m²) of land was specifically purchased for the Hub by Anglican Care and is leased to the Youth Hub Trust to build and run the facility, enabling organisations and young people to grow together.



STAGE 1

Stage One opened in late 2024 and includes a supported housing wing for 22 young people at risk of homelessness, a youth services building and an outdoor activities courtyard.



STAGE 2

Stage Two is an Events and Activities Centre with capacity for up to 200 people. The space will cater for a wide variety of activities such as music, dance, drama, and performances. The Centre is expected to open in late April 2026.

SUPPORTED HOUSING

FUTURE STAGES

YOUTH APARTMENTS

We have plans to build a new wing of ten 1.5-bedroom apartments along Gracefield Avenue. These homes will support young people, including those who are parents with a child in the first year of life, who can benefit from the wraparound youth services offered at the Hub. The apartments will also provide an appropriate housing option for rangatahi who are not well suited to shared living in our existing 22-bedroom supported housing wing.

THE 'FUN STUFF'

The aim of the Hub is to create a place where young people come to have fun – and while they are here, they can easily access the help and support they need. These welcoming spaces include a creative arts centre, spiritual space, band practice rooms, an art gallery and carving workshop, a training café, additional meeting rooms, and shared hangout areas.

GARDEN AREAS

Plans include garden courtyards and rooftop vegetable gardens, creating peaceful outdoor spaces where young people can relax, connect, and engage in hands-on learning.



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A key feature of the Youth Hub is our supported housing facilities for youth at risk of homelessness.

The 22-bedroom housing wing is staffed 24/7 and each rangatahi has a Youth Development Coach to help them engage in education, training or employment and develop their skills in living independently.

Meet the organisations partnering with the Hub

By co-locating a wide range of youth-focused organisations, Youth Hub Christchurch helps rangatahi receive the help and the support they need in one central space. This collaborative environment strengthens service delivery and fosters innovation in how youth needs are met.

Our facilities include dedicated offices, flexible hot-desking, and bookable meeting rooms – from private interview spaces to a large training room – giving organisations the tools they need to work effectively together.

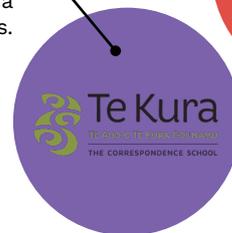
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A young person may walk in with more than just one problem and rather than having to do the phone calls or referrals, we can be like – Oh actually, let's just take a walk down the hall and talk to these people.”
Ataahua Hepi, Youthline volunteer coordinator



Youthline run a 24/7 crisis helpline with telephone, text and web-chat support providing crisis support, as well as information and referral services. Youthline have an office on site and run their crisis helpline team and volunteers for Central South Island from the Hub.

Te Kura is New Zealand's state-distance education provider and uses meeting rooms at the Hub on a weekly basis.



Rerenga Awa, the Canterbury Youth Workers Collective, shares an office space at the Hub and helps to support, connect and equip those working with young people to be as strong as possible in their field.

Rerenga Awa
Mā ngā maunga ki te moana | From the mountains to the sea



Egg Academy is a virtual world where young people develop skills and join a like-minded community. Egg Academy has an office at the Hub and runs many events both online and in person from the Hub.

The Christchurch Methodist Mission manages the Youth Hub's 22 bedroom supported housing wing for young people at risk of homelessness.



Te Tahī Youth (formerly 198/298 Youth Health) provide free medical care, youth work, counselling, and employment support for young people aged 10-24 years. Te Tahī offers clinical appointments as well as counselling, employment support, and a youth programme from the Hub.



The Christchurch Youth Council shares an office space at the Hub and is a group of rangatahi volunteers dedicated to advocating for a strong youth voice in Christchurch.



VOYCE Whakarongo Mai support care-experienced young people to have their voices heard, their needs met, and their rights upheld. VOYCE have an office on site and run a range of youth events for care-experienced rangatahi at the Hub.



The Collaborative Trust shares an office space at the Hub and undertakes to train and educate adults who work with young people from parents to professionals. They undertake evaluation of services to young people and research how youth development can be assisted to effectively advocate for and with young people.



Southern Health School provides educational support to ākongā (Year 0-14) whose health prevents them from engaging in mainstream education. They use meeting rooms at the Hub weekly.



The Christchurch City Mission run their Youth Alcohol and Other Drugs drop-in clinic and meeting group from the Hub.



Comcol provides a free Youth Service for 16-19-year-olds offering guidance and support to help young people into education, employment, and work-based learning. Comcol operates out of the Hub on a weekly basis.



Other youth-focussed organisations are expected to join the Hub community in 2026 as a range of permanent and casual hot desking spaces becoming available in our new shared office space.

About the Youth Hub Trust

The Youth Hub Trust was formed in 2017 to design, build and run Youth Hub Christchurch. It is chaired by Dame Sue Bagshaw.

Sue is a youth health doctor and advocate. She established the 198 Youth Health Centre in 1995 and her 'one-stop-shop' model of offering young people free doctor's appointments, counselling, and other support services under one roof has been adopted around New Zealand.

The Trust Board brings together expertise in law, finance, positive youth development, Māori and Pasifika perspectives, and youth representation, ensuring strong and informed governance of the Hub.

You can read more about current trustees on our website at www.youthhubchch.org.nz/about

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The Youth Hub provides what we know works for young people - connected, holistic support to achieve life-long health and wellbeing through positive youth development.”

Helena Francis, Chair of the Wayne Francis Charitable Trust.

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Growing up in Canterbury I've seen the impact the earthquakes, Covid and other events have had on youth mental health and wellbeing. I'm excited to be part of the Youth Hub which provides a positive inclusive space for our younger generation to reach their potential.”

Will Jordan, Crusaders player and Youth Hub Ambassador.



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As a proud father, I believe in supporting rangatahi to develop their skills and confidence and I'm excited to help provide them with the tools and opportunities they need to succeed.”

Codie Taylor, Crusaders player and Youth Hub Ambassador.

YOUTH HUB WHAKATAUKĪ

**E tū kahikatea
Hei whakapae ururoa
Awhi mai awhi atu
Tātou tātou e**

***Stand like the kahikatea
To brave the storms
Embrace and receive
We are one together***

The Youth Hub site at 109 Salisbury Street in the central city used to be a swamp area where many Kahikatea trees grew. The trees grew to be the tallest trees in the forest by interlocking their roots in the swampy ground to stay stable.

We hope that Youth Hub Christchurch will provide young people with interlocking roots in the Youth Hub community to have a place they can call their own – their Tūrakawaewae – a place to stand, to move on and produce fruit – te koroī of the Kahikatea tree.

HOW YOU CAN HELP



The community has raised more than \$25 million to build the Hub.

We need your help to complete it: more housing, a creative arts space and garden areas where young people can connect and grow.

We could not have come this far without your generous support!

Invest in Christchurch's future by donating today.

Bespoke recognition of your donation will be developed in partnership with you.

Donations of \$5 or more qualify for a donation rebate as we are a registered charity.



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