

Small Grants Fund Recipient 2006

Island Leaders @ Heart, Glen Innes, Auckland

Grant: \$4066.00.

Island Leaders @ Heart a group of Pacific youth leaders was established in 2005 in Glen Innes, Auckland. Every week the group shared a meal with its leaders at the Glen Innes Police Station and participated in numerous exercises to strengthen and develop their communication, public speaking and leadership skills. Nominated by the community, members of the group also travelled to Tonga where they learnt and shared stories about the drug, alcohol and social problems in the youth community of Tonga and New Zealand.

Funding from the Small Grants fund paid for the group's accommodation and travel to and from the 2006 Involve conference in Christchurch at which they made a presentation on youth participation. Save the Children supported this project because it represents one of the best examples of youth initiative, youth participation and young leadership. The young people themselves approached Save the Children for funding. They wrote project proposal and outlined their needs and why it was important for them to attend the Involve conference:

“We look forward to presenting a workshop that will be a reflection of the Island leaders @ Heart leadership programme, our trip to Tonga and the impact the programme has had on us as young pacific individuals. We will also be facilitating exercises and games ...that helped to develop our skills.”

Save the Children respects and promotes children and young people's voices.