



New Zealand
Programme

Small Grants Fund Recipient 2006

Youth Projects Trust, Rotorua

\$3650.00

The Youth Projects Trust formed in Rotorua in 1999 provides assistance to young people who would like to plan and run youth projects that promote participation, positive attitudes and healthy lifestyles. In the last year Youth Projects Trust has supported around 31 youth projects in the Rotorua District.

The Youth projects Trust aims to empower young people to make informed decisions. The organisation also supports positive opportunities for young people to be trained, involved and included in decision-making. The organisation reaches out to young people who are usually excluded or marginalised because they are not student reps or student councillors.

A Youth Advisory Group exists within the organisation to keep the trust in focus with its philosophy of "by young people for young people." The Youth Advisory Group looks over funding applications made to the trust by youth and makes recommendations on how much each application should receive. It also participates in the planning and running of Youth Events throughout the year.

This project was supported because it nurtures young leaders and encourages young people to organise, participate and produce tangible events and actions in their community. Save the Children is happy to be associated with young change-makers and their mentors.