

Code of Ethics for Youth Work in Aotearoa New Zealand

SUBMISSION FORM



NATIONAL YOUTH WORKERS
NETWORK AOTEAROA INC.



Making submissions on the first edition of the CODE OF ETHICS for Youth Work in Aotearoa New Zealand

Acknowledgement

National Youth Workers Network Aotearoa (NYWNA) acknowledges the Youth Affairs Council of Victoria Inc Australia. Permission was given to the working group to use material from their Code of Ethics consultation process for the Victorian youth sector. In particular we thank Tim Corney for sharing the documents with us and supporting us in the development of this Code of Ethics.

Why make a submission?

NYWNA is offering the opportunity for the Youth Workers in Aotearoa New Zealand to make submissions on the first edition of the Code of Ethics. Making a submission will assist in getting the Code of Ethics right for the Youth Work sector in Aotearoa New Zealand. This is your opportunity to have input into this Code of Ethics, making it relevant, professional, of value, and recognised.

The consultation and writing process to date

In 2007 from April to November the National Youth Workers Network carried out a consultation road show titled *Lets not be Uncode* with Youth Workers throughout Aotearoa New Zealand. The Workshop was facilitated by NYWNA Director John Harrington and Ariana Elley the Communications Coordinator. The road show visited 19 regions around Aotearoa New Zealand from Kaitaia to Invercargill. The workshops allowed Youth Workers to discuss the following:

- pros and cons of having a Code of Ethics
- whether there should be a Code of Ethics written for Youth Workers in Aotearoa New Zealand
- if we were to write a code what clause headings would we include
- the diversity of contexts/settings that Youth Work is carried out in Aotearoa New Zealand and how a code of ethics would be written to encompass the diversity
- what is Youth Work practice?

Following this consultation it was apparent that the majority of Youth Workers that attended a work shop were supportive of having a Code of Ethics. There were a significant number who were unsure. From the workshops 64 different clause headings were suggested.

The NYWNA have made a commitment to ensure the first edition will be released for consultation, and submissions.

In November 2007 the NYWNA Board took nominations from Youth Workers who wanted to participate in the working group that would formulate the 1st edition. Seven Youth Workers were selected by the Board to make up the Working Group. The National Council endorsed this selection. The intent of the Board was to select a working group that reflected the diversity of the Youth Work Sector. Te Rōpū, the Māori caucus of NYWNA, partnered with the Working Group, bringing a Tangata Whenua perspective to this document and a representative of Te Rōpū is a member of the Working Group.

The Working Group met for the first time in December 2007, and convened five times for two day meetings in Feb, March, April and May 2008.

The Code was launched at the Involve Relate 08 conference in Wellington. Submissions are being taken until June 2009.

How to have your say

It is recognised that not all Youth Workers could attend workshops around the country. The submission process is your opportunity to support this process and have your say.

We have included in this document a set of questions to assist you in making a submission. If you wish to make a submission that doesn't relate to the questions please use a separate page and send with a heading 'Submission on the Code of Ethics for Youth Work in Aotearoa New Zealand'

By post: **Code of Ethics Submission**
National Youth Workers Network Aotearoa
PO Box 3270
Otautahi/Christchurch

Email: **ariana@youthworkers.net.nz**
Please write in the subject heading: *CoE Submission*

Website: **www.youthworkers.net.nz**

What will be done with your feedback?

All feedback will be collated by NYWNA Code of Ethics Working Group. Through the consideration of feedback the working group will seek to identify common themes stemming from the submissions and write changes/amendments to the first edition of the Code of Ethics reflecting the feedback received.



Submission Form

If you wish to make a submission that doesn't relate to these questions please use a separate page and send with a heading '**Submission on the Code of Ethics for Youth Work in Aotearoa New Zealand**'.

Should you require additional pages than the space provided, please attach to the submission documentation.

Question1

What are the strengths and weaknesses of using the Youth Development Strategy Aotearoa (YDSA) as a framework for a code of ethical practice?

Question 2

What are your thoughts about the Context Document?

Is there: too much information | not enough information | just right
(please circle)

What changes to the Context Document would you like to see?

Question 3

Do you have comments on any of the specific clauses? If yes, please state clause number and expand:

Question 4

Do you think there are clauses that haven't been included but should be? If so, please expand with suggested content:





Question 5

As a Youth Worker, could you carry out your work under this Code of Ethics?
Please expand:

Question 6

A) Describe the settings, contexts and cultures that you work within:

B) Assuming you are doing Youth Work, how does this Code of Ethics relate to the settings, contexts and cultures you work within?

Question 7

(a) What value or usefulness does a Code of Ethics for Youth Work in Aotearoa New Zealand have?

(b) What are the potential risks or unhelpful consequences of having a Code of Ethics for Youth Work in Aotearoa New Zealand?

Question 8

What do you see as the relationship between a Code of Ethics for Youth Work in Aotearoa New Zealand and Te Tiriti o Waitangi?

Any additional feedback:

e.g. Do you have any comments on the process undertaken to develop the First Edition of the Code of Ethics and do you have any recommendations for improving the process for future editions?



Your Information

The purpose of this survey is to source information about the Youth Work Sector in Aotearoa New Zealand. This optional questionnaire will only strengthen the picture that is emerging about Youth Work in Aotearoa New Zealand.

- Do you identify as a Youth Worker? Yes No
 - Occupation/Position:
 - On average, how many hours per week would you usually do paid or unpaid Youth Work? Paid: _____ Unpaid: _____
 - How long have you been a Youth Worker (paid and/or voluntary):
 - Are you currently connected to a: (please circle)
National Youth Organisation | *Regional Youth Workers Network*
 - What do you know about National Youth Workers Network Aotearoa?
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- Would you like more information about NYWNA? Yes | No

To ensure you receive acknowledgment of your submission and a response on how your views were considered, please provide your contact details:

Name:

Email:

Telephone:

Postal Address:

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION:

Gender:

Ethnicity:

Iwi/Hapu:

Organisation/Agency/Service:

Region/Community:

Thank you for taking the time to provide a submission.

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For more information visit: **www.youthworkers.net.nz**