

Youth Work





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What inspired you to get into Youth Work?

There was a period in my life when I needed support, and youth workers were really there for me. They created a safe space where I felt heard. No matter how I was feeling or what had happened that day, they were always there to listen and lift my spirits.

How has studying Youth Work been?

I've been loving it, best decision of my life! There's lots of love and support from the tutors. Being here helps me grow and heal as a person, mentally and spiritually. They've taught me the importance of talking positively to yourself, it's restructuring my mindset. I've always been a bit shy, but building these skills is really growing my confidence.

Is there any subject that you are particularly enjoying?

I am really enjoying learning about building intentional relationships – I'm learning how to understand and approach situations better, and improve my communication skills.

Are there any particular tools they teach you to help build intentional relationships?

Lots! But it really comes down to listening to people. You want to help them on their journey, you're not there to lead the way. You want to hear them out, and really understand what they're going through.

How have you found the tutors?

They're really there for you. They want you to succeed, so they make sure you've got the tools to do so. Watching them and seeing how they approach situations has really opened my eyes. They take the time to listen and are reassuring; it's influenced how I interact with people.

In the Diploma of Youth Work you have to do a certain number of hours at placement every year – where are you doing yours?

I'm lucky to be doing my placement at Naenae Boxing Club! It doesn't feel like work, I love being there to support people. Whilst there's a big focus on boxing, it's also about creating a safe space for youth to feel comfortable and be heard, and in turn building their confidence. Shout out to Tash and the coaches there as well, you guys are awesome. I learn a lot from just being there.

What do you want to do after you graduate?


Anything that involves sports and building one-on-one relationships.

Follow the QR code below to read the full story.



Bachelor of Youth Development

 Level 7

 \$7,826 (indicative for 2025 intake)

Complete a degree with your experience recognised. Do you have the NZ Diploma in Youth Work (Level 6), industry registration (Korowai Tupu) and/or five+ years in a youth worker position? If any of these apply to you, you may be eligible to have your learning recognised for two years of the Bachelor of Youth Development.

To find out if you are potentially eligible, you will need to have an initial discussion with kaimahi to check out what will be needed to have your experience recognised before completing your study on a full-time or part-time basis.

In your RPL discussion, we will talk with you about what courses you will need to complete and how that might be achieved.

More detail about this qualification

Teaching and learning

During your discussion with kaimahi we will discuss the courses you will have to complete in order to obtain the degree – depending on your experience and suitability you might be able to complete courses online with an initial block course and the support of a tuakana kaiako or you might be required to come to a combination of block courses and classes.

Practicum

If you are working or volunteering in the industry, your hours may contribute to your learning. In some cases you may have to do additional practicum hours. This will depend on what you have brought to the degree in terms of prior learning.

Fees

For eligible students who enrol and start the BYD in 2025, the credit recognition fee (RPL) is waived.

Whitireia and WelTec reserves the right to only process credit recognition (RPL) applications for youth development students formally wanting to study the Bachelor of Youth Development as such, students will have to be formally enrolled with us and starting the RPL process

Course-related costs

This programme is delivered by blended learning (face-to-face and online learning), so you will need a computer/laptop and internet access at home. Please note your phone is not an appropriate device.

- Placement Travel & Supervision Approx.: \$300
- Computer/ Laptop cost varies

Entry requirements

Domestic

Equivalent study/work experience; and evidence of suitability based on interview, health declaration; safety check and referee reports.

International

Academic IELTS 6.5 in each band, or equivalent.

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