

## **Youth Consultation - Video Interviews at Hip Hop Nation and Battle of the Bands**

Over the period of three nights Te Roopu Rangatahi and Youth Council attended 2 Hip Hop Nation events (organised by Council) and the Battle of the Bands finals (organised by Tear Fund). They took along video cameras and interviewed approximately 90 youths on their views on what Waitakere City needed for youth and what was good and bad about Waitakere City. Three clear issues emerged; the need for youth events and a place for youth to hang out and safety concerns. The last issue was a result of specific questions from the interviewers on the perceived safety they saw Waitakere. The need for more youth events was strongly supported in the interviews. Many comments noted that it was a key way to get the youth of the streets and keep them out of trouble. Following on from this was a need for a centre or place for youth to be able to hang out and do what they like to do. Below is a summary of the comments collected.

### **Youth Centre**

- Places for teenagers to hangout – would hangout at Henderson Recreation Centre.
- Place we can all go as teenagers to hang out, a place with loud music, can play. Place can enjoy ourselves and have fun.
- More places to hang out fun things to do, games – where everyone can get to.
- Centre keeps us out of trouble.
- Youth centre would be cool – stuff like Hip Hop – like group stuff, sports competitions.
- Henderson good place for centre as everyone keeps going there.
- More youth centres – just want to hang out – don't want to hang out on streets.
- More hangouts – keep us out of trouble.
- Would go to centre if close, depends whereabouts it is.
- Council should build place all can hang out.
- Need place near Westcity as heaps of people hangout there anyway.
- Need sports centre – youth centre.
- Need places to do what want to – free.
- Place we won't get into trouble.
- More Hip Hop Nations, basketball courts.
- Youth Centre – place we wouldn't get in trouble.
- Centre in Henderson where all those kids hang out.
- Community centre stuff – use your talents.
- Put hang out place like in Henderson.
- Centre with MacDonalds, pool tables, not have older people.
- Need recreation centre near Ranui to break dance.
- Need more recreation centres.
- Need more parks, skating. Somewhere play games, basketball, muck around.
- Should build youth centre around where new houses are.

- Need places where youth can meet and not get into too much trouble.
- Need more places to hang out so not hanging at home.
- More places for youth to hang out.

### **Youth Events**

- Do what we want without any police around to bother us. Extreme would be a good facility to hold things.
- Hold these events as often as can as it involves young teenagers coming into visit – do what they want to do without family support.
- More socials – once a month.
- Have youth events, dance parties to get youth involved.
- Events like this keep us from being out there because in here we're safe.
- More entertainment for kids like this – not pay, no police.
- Have competitions with prizes – break dancing, singing.
- Every Friday for events like this.
- Every few months for events.
- Once a month for events like this.
- Want Hip Hop competition.
- More stuff for kids to do so not hanging out on streets.
- Give them something to do otherwise kids on street ask for money.
- More programmes for kids.
- People on streets in Henderson should find something to do as its kind of embarrassing they ask for money and you can't turn them away.
- Hip Hop Nation – some more as long as there are not so many idiots.
- More Hip Hop competitions.
- Need more break dancing things.
- Need more things like this (Hip Hop Nation).
- Putting stuff on like this is cool, need more stuff – once a month.
- Giving us something to do instead of going to parties and getting wasted.
- More places to go, things like this.
- Should have function every Friday.
- Need more things to do. Something for free – not everyone can afford.
- More activities for youth to get off streets.
- More stuff like this, sports, anything to keep them off the streets. Not those addicted to the streets but those with nothing to do – probably get them off.
- Hip Hop ok but shouldn't pay \$5 for the poor people.
- More sessions to keep our children off the streets – like Friday/Saturday nights like tonight.
- Should have more programmes like TYLA programmes – Turn Your Life Around.
- More stuff like this every month.
- Yep, there is enough to do
- Need more underage clubs.
- More of this stuff – less street kids out there causing trouble.

- More like this – concerts and stuff.
- Need more things for young kids.
- Need more bands stuff, music.
- Have more of this shit. (Hip Hop Nation)
- Need more entertainment for youth but at the same time need something educational like more music courses.
- Every Friday night do this (Hip Hop)
- Hip Hop Nation better than little school discos.
- Think Hip Hop Nation is cool.
- Make Hip Hop every Friday night.
- Good to have functions like this.
- Get something to motivate the other people, something to look forward to.
- Should have events sometimes, keep people out of trouble.
- TYLA programmes – need more youth meetings, group activities.
- Programmes needed to help out with anger management, drunken people and drug addicts.
- Definitely have more of these (Hip Hop Nation)
- Organising more gigs like Battle of the Bands.
- Need big concert, free day things like conferences, festivals.
- Mainly need more things for the youth because attract more people from everywhere else to come.

## **Safety**

- Henderson's pretty safe from what I know.
- Maori wardens for safety – not police, too harsh.
- Too much people hanging around streets – gangs.
- Gameworld safe if you don't wear gang colours.
- Trouble with gangs and people wearing their colours in Henderson.
- Henderson too dangerous for little kids.
- Hate gangs, tagging – need more undercover cops to get rid of.
- Prefer not much cops. Not harassing you as much – asking if you are a tagger, if they are black they search you, look at bandanas and colours.
- Henderson's not very safe.
- More security guards – peace.
- Not safe in Henderson at night especially if you hang out with the Crips or Bloods, could get jumped.
- Don't feel safe in Henderson – too many gangsters.
- See people wrecking stuff and stealing, should be more police. This whole thing needs more respect.
- Henderson is alright, plenty of people around – feel safe.
- Heaps of suicide and crime.
- Too violent – around the skateparks, walk passed everyday.

## Others

- More skateparks.
- Good to have tagging wall.
- More arcades, malls.
- I've got nothing to do so just come here.
- If people get together they get along.
- Some of us could be on the streets right now.
- Ranui community centre is for little kids.
- No smoking and drinking stuff, no violence.
- Waitakere City is boring, nothing to do.
- Should have marae for Maori, less stuff for white people.
- Everything is changed to suit white people.
- Like living in this city.
- Need more shops, schools, people, community centres, stuff.
- Got community centre but not big enough (Ranui).
- Sit outside, lounge around friends' houses.
- Need more basketball hoops.
- Like all the people.
- Need better transport to and from Waitakere City.
- Transport, trains very good.
- Like the parks in Waitakere City.
- Need to improve tagging.
- Hang out in my house.
- Like everything in the city – people, shopping centres.
- Hang out in West City.
- Like Waitakere City because it's green.
- Hang out at the Spot – it's a dairy.
- Do nothing much just bum around.
- Need their own place for tagging.
- Apartments are shit, ugly.
- Need more skate parks.
- Good to be all together, off the streets.
- Too many bums on the street, should get the bums off the street.
- Waitakere City is very clean.
- Should be a gym.
- Need more toilets.
- Need more sport stuff.
- More skateparks
- Hang out at home on the couch.
- Don't like the buses – need more onto it buses that come on time.
- Friendly place most of the time, pretty clean.
- Would change school – attitude to it.
- Think facilities around the place are improving.
- Hang around wherever friends are.
- Like the trees, forest.
- Generally don't like Auckland – too many people.

- Roads are a bit bumpy.
- Graffiti is pretty bad – if tagging done properly it's pretty good.
- Mission Bay has a good nightlife, nice fountain, late night cafes, beaches – heaps. Waitakere has nothing but a mall that's a bit crap – it's alright but doesn't have nice cafes.
- Like the people.
- Friendly people.
- Find out where youth group go – hang out at malls.
- Lots of people, lot of places to go.
- Hang around my house.
- Make the city a bit cleaner, rubbish, exhaust and that kind of stuff.
- Like the shops, good roads.
- Wouldn't change much.
- Like the shops, these things being put on (Battle of the Bands).