



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**
TE MANATŪ WHAKAHIATO ORA

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Tēnā koe

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your email of 10 May 2024, requesting information about wellbeing initiatives used to support LGBTQIA+ youth. I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on your request set out below.

The Ministry of Youth Development (MYD) – Te Manatū Whakahiato Taiohi funds a wide range of youth development and youth enterprise initiatives. It funds organisations that employ a youth development approach which supports the wellbeing of young people (aged 12 to 24 years) in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Please see the attached **Appendix**, containing the funding details for MYD-funded programmes specifically targeting rainbow young people. These include both organisations with a sole focus on rainbow young people, as well as organisations with a broader focus but run programmes specifically targeted to support rainbow people.

As all young people can access MYD-funded programmes, young people from rainbow communities will be participating in other programmes other than those outlined in the **Appendix**. For the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024, and across all MYD-funded providers, a total of 1503 rainbow young people have participated in an MYD-funded programmes.

Information on all providers funded by MYD can be found on their website, here: www.myd.govt.nz/funding/.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details removed, on the Ministry's website in due course.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with my decision on your request about wellbeing initiatives used to support LGBTQIA+ youth, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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Appendix: MYD-funded programmes for rainbow young people

Provider	Programme(s)	Location	Description	Current Approved Funding (2023-2025)	Annual number of contracted youth Development Opportunities
InsideOUT Kōaro	InsideOUT Kōaro Youth Development Programme	National	The InsideOUT Kōaro Youth Development Programme provides pathways for rainbow youth to engage in various youth development opportunities. The programme encourages leadership and social/communication skills and creates meaningful connections with peers and community.	\$ 127,601.18	348
Rainbow Hub Waikato	Youth Development – Specialist Programmes and Services	Waikato	The programme provides support into areas of the Waikato that are isolated from mainstream urban support networks. They provide empowerment and connectivity to vulnerable youth in rural areas and schools that do not have adequate resources for supporting youth of diverse gender and sexuality.	\$90,000.00	1,000

Te Rūnanga O Ngāi Te Rangī Iwi Trust	Te Ohu Uenuku	Tauranga	Te Ohu Uenuku provides services and information to the rainbow community within Te iwi o Ngāi Te Rangī and Te Ao Māori whānui. The purpose of the programme is to empower tangata takatāpui and educate whānau on how to understand and support queer whānau members.	\$64,000.00	25
Young Men's Christian Association of South and Mid Canterbury Incorporated	Y-Force	South Canterbury	Y-Force delivers a series of group programmes including the delivery of Rainbow Support Groups across multiple secondary schools in Timaru. The Support Groups provide opportunities for rainbow youth to develop projects and activities according to their self-identified interests. The group programmes aim to strengthen youth identity, sense of belonging and social connectedness with their peers and communities.	\$165,000.00	450
YMCA Invercargill	Y Squads	Southland	Y Squads delivers a series of group programmes including the Rainbow Squad programme delivered weekly to young people from the LGBTQI+ community. The programme supports young people to create meaningful connections with peers and community, improving their ability to confidently participate in activities throughout their lifetime.	\$149,160.00	440

Mid North Family Support	Rainbow Youth Programme	Mid North	The Rainbow Youth programme supports rainbow young people in the Kerikeri area providing counselling, advocacy, mentoring and wellbeing support. The programme will nurture a sense of identity and belonging, strengthen self-esteem and enhance support systems for young people.	\$25,000.00	20
Family Life Education Pasefika Services Trust	Talavou Village – Ola Fou Tutorial and Workforce Development	South Auckland	The programme provides weekly tutorials for Pacific young people in school aged 16-24 years to support them to successfully complete NCEA levels. Pacific young people not in school participate in developing marketable skills which could lead to employment, entrepreneurship, or higher education. Rainbow young people have been supported through the programme attending monthly workshops to develop entrepreneurship skills, business and finance fundamentals and confidence through practice.	\$132,000.00	220