

Te Taihū and West Coast Duke of Edinburgh Hub Meeting

7pm 25th March 2021 – Zoom

Hosted by Hub Leaders Whenua Iti Outdoors

Minutes

1) Present

Karen Ross, National Director, Duke of Edinburgh's Award
Amy Dalton Motueka High School
Gus Shirley, Waimea College
Wayne Langford Marlborough Venturers
Kathryn Bunckenburg Whenua Iti Outdoors
Nettie Stow, Whenua Iti Outdoors

2) Apologies

Wendy Ford, Waimea College
Aotonia O'Donnell Rai Valley
Nicci Leitch, Marlborough Girls College
Justin Blacklock, Find the Way
Jessica Zanetti, Duke of Edinburgh's Award

3) Introductions

4) Discussion of MYD and Rātā Funding available through from Duke of Edinburgh through WIO

WIO have been working on supporting local schools to enrol students in the Award including setting up Award Units and delivering Adventurous Journeys to students. We are hopeful Marlborough Girls', Waimea and Nayland colleges, Motueka High, Te Kura and Rai Valley Area School will take part in this initiative

We discussed the challenges and successes we have faced over the last few months in delivering on these places.

It was agreed that the funding made the Award more accessible to many in our community and was much appreciated by all involved.

It was agreed Covid was a huge disruptor and that in future we anticipate it would be easier to get students engaged.

The funding tends to run from July to June and we discussed if it would be easier to introduce the Award in July or wait until January – if WIO can alert schools to the availability of funds, schools can make their own plans to suit their year planner.

The funding can be used to support students doing Bronze Silver and Gold and the Kakariki Journey

If a student needs more support National Office can be approached – need should be assessed locally

Duke of Ed also has a new project to support students with Special Needs if anyone has students in this group needing help. Approach National Office direct

WIO can provide basic support however Award Leaders should email info@dofehillary.org.nz for help with other issues and this will be answered promptly. Kylie Thorpe has a team of people to help including Maree for Gold, and Jess and Kathleen for other enquiries

Evaluation

If people have examples of success to share please send them to Duke of Ed including articles written by students or feedback from students. Voice recordings are especially useful

It is especially important for people taking part in the Award to complete feedback forms if supported by Duke of Ed funding

End

The meeting ended at 8pm and Karen was thanked for attending