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Young
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Members

Building a better tomorrow.

2018 YEM Hui
15-17 November 2018
New Plymouth

2018 Young Elected Members' Hui

LGNZ, in conjunction with New Plymouth District Council, is holding the annual Young Elected Members' (YEM) Hui from 15 – 17 November 2018.

Taking place in New Plymouth, we invite all current elected members of local authorities, local boards and community boards who are under the age of 40 to attend.

The Hui theme is **We Are: Actively engaging our communities**. There will be a strong focus on how YEM can effectively engage, communicate and work with their communities to achieve prosperity, resilience and well-being.

The two-and-a-half-day Hui comprises of a range of workshops, guest presentations, discussion sessions and networking activities. The Hui will cover a range of topics, including:

- Diversity in governance roles;
- Elected members' privacy obligations;
- Communicating with communities during natural hazard events;
- Community-led projects and initiatives;
- Strategies for brave and forward-thinking decision-making; and
- The role of local government in overcoming challenges and delivering New Zealanders' ambitions.

Hui outcomes

While attending the Hui, delegates can expect to:

- Network, exchange ideas and build strong relationships with other YEM and councils;
- Gain a better understanding of how YEM can more effectively engage, communicate and work with their communities; and
- Peer mentor and access practical support.

YEM Talks

The Hui programme includes two "YEM Talks" sessions. These sessions are designed to provide delegates with an opportunity to present to the group on topics that are of interest and relevance to YEM. Each YEM Talk is followed up with question and discussion time.

Topics that YEM may present on may include:

- Strategies that their council has engaged in to increase involvement of young people in local government politics;
- An overview of an initiative, event or programme that is happening within their community;

- An issue affecting communities and ideas for how that issue could be overcome; and
- An issue affecting younger elected members and ideas for how that issue could be overcome.

Delegates will be invited to put forward proposals for a YEM Talk following registration.

Event details

Date: 15-17 November 2018

Delegates: Young elected members (Mayors, Chairs,

Councillors or local board and community board members), under the age of 40

Venue: The Devon Hotel,
New Plymouth

Cost: \$697.00 + GST (cost subsidised by LGNZ). This cost includes all local transportation (including airport transfers), meals, activity costs and two nights' accommodation at The Devon Hotel. Delegates are responsible for organising their own travel to and from New Plymouth

Register: lgnz.co.nz/events/yem-2018-hui
Registrations close on Monday 15 October 2018 at 5.00pm
Note that to pay the registration fee your council will be required to raise a purchase order with LGNZ

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Programme overview

Thursday, 15 November

12.00pm Powhiri
12.30pm Lunch
1.15pm Official welcome – Mayor Neil Holdom, YEM Committee
Introductions and Hui overview
2.30pm Opening keynote address: speaker TBC
3.30pm Afternoon tea
4.00pm YEM Talks
6.30pm “BBQ and Beers” networking event

Friday, 16 November

7.45am Breakfast
8.55am Welcome and scene setting
9.00am Workshop: Puna Wano-Bryant, Diversity in governance roles
10.30am Morning tea
10.45am Guest presentation: John Edwards, Privacy Commissioner
11.30am YEM Talks
12.30pm Lunch
1.10pm Workshop: New Plymouth District Council, Strategies for engagement with your community following natural hazard events
2.00pm Bus tour and workshop
• Engagement with the community on community-led projects
• Revitalisation of public space
• Council supporting the private sector
6.00pm Hui dinner at the Len Lye Centre
Guest speaker – former councillor Lynn Bublitz

Saturday, 17 November

7.30am Breakfast and reflections
8.30am YEM Committee strategy session
10.30am Wrap up and coffee