

Rangatahi Led Action



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Project

Kei Au

Kei Au, is focused on gauging how rangatahi perceive civic participation, as well as empowering rangatahi to understand civic engagement in a broad sense and consider voting as a choice.



One of my roles was helping evaluate and analyse the importance of facilitating more wananga like Kei Au.

My other role as a tuakana, was utilising my knowledge in Te Ao Māori and Te Ao Pākehā to provide assistance and support for rangatahi that are engaging in this programme

What we did



What are the results?

- Got a deeper understanding of rangatahi civic participation,
- Gauged how spaces like Kei Au are unique, as many rangatahi had not been exposed to spaces like this before.
- Empowered rangatahi to partake in civic engagement

Advocacy

“Not only is it about being a voice... but also identifying as one of those people wherever you go and in every situation”

“Being passionate about making a change”

Challenges

“Taking on more responsibility, as someone who has the ability to voice their opinions”

Advice

“Always remind yourself of the level your group is at”