



## RAP – Respect All People – Whakamana Tangata, is about reducing and replacing violence in the environments youth workers provide for young people.

- Reducing and replacing violence amongst young people.
- Advocate for non-violence in the media.

Young people are influenced by the environments they live and function in. We aim to reduce and replace violence in these environments.

This project uses a “settings” approach: we offer youth organisations resources and training to reduce violence in their environments and for them to replace it with positive alternatives. This approach targets groups of young people rather than the behaviour of individuals.

This innovative and ground-breaking approach is being developed in three pilot sites to determine how to use the “settings” approach most effectively and to develop resources other youth organisations can adopt.

We are also using the media to highlight violence in New Zealand and promote respectful behaviour.

## Young people give hope

A recent survey\* identified that about half young people were deliberately physically hurt by others in the last year. Approximately 1 in 3 young people had been bullied. If individuals experience violence they're more likely to act violently towards others.

This survey also indicates that about half of young people are not experiencing violence and most are not bullied. This gives hope that most young people will not be violent adults.

Most young people are non-violent. This is the norm we want to spread to all young people. If young people grow up with, or adopt, respectful behaviour, they are less likely to use violence as adults.

The project offers a real opportunity for young people to experience respectful environments and adopt respectful behaviour.

\*The report "Violence and New Zealand young people" available on [www.youth2000.ac.nz](http://www.youth2000.ac.nz)

## Pilots trial new approach

**Otara:** supporting local youth workers to effectively intervene when young people use violence. Also developing music and drama resources to promote non-violence.

**Feilding:** working with local youth services to introduce respectful policies and practices across the community.

**Tasman:** training and supporting local youth workers to implement respectful practices in the environments they provide to young people.

We have training programmes for youth workers, along with supporting resources. These resources are free and can be used by organisations to assess what they are doing at present and the practical steps they can take to promote respectful behaviour.

The Promoting Youth Non-Violence Project is funded by the Ministry of Health and implemented by the National Network of Stopping Violence, a network of agencies working to stop violence in New Zealand.

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## The three current pilot sites are:

- Otara (South Auckland)
- Feilding (Manawatu)
- Nelson/Motueka (Tasman)

At each pilot site a health promoter is working with local youth organisations to establish policies and procedures which actively promote non-violence.

## 'Promoting Youth Non-violence' Project Health Promoters:

**Otara:** 021 373 151

**Feilding:** 027 316 6508 or 021 0253 4504

**Tasman:** 021 146 5210