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Members wanted for Selwyn Youth Council

Applications to join the Selwyn Youth Council are now open and are being sought from young people from across Selwyn.

To be eligible to apply applicants must be aged between 14 and 24 and live in Selwyn District.

The Youth Council meets monthly and carries out a range of activities. It represents, and advocates for, young people in Selwyn. Members meet regularly with staff from Selwyn District Council, the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority and the Ministry of Youth Development, take part in consultation processes and make submissions presenting their views so that a youth perspective can be considered as part of the decision making process.

The Youth Council has also been active in organising activities and events for young people in Selwyn. This year members organised a very successful 'Dive in movie' screening of Finding Nemo at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre which around 400 people attended and a Youth Leadership Day in which 154 young people took part.

The current Youth Council Chair Tristan Misselbrook will be moving to Christchurch next year and will no longer be eligible to be part of the Youth Council so is retiring when the Youth Council is reappointed.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the rest of the youth council," says Tristan. "It has given me opportunities to meet many new people and learn many new skills such as public speaking and chairing meetings."

He says he would encourage anyone interested to apply as it is a very rewarding role.

"We welcome applications from young people who are keen to make a change in the community," says Chris Martin, Selwyn District Council's Youth Advisor.

Applications close on Friday 26 September. A panel which includes the retiring Chair and a retiring Youth Council member, the Council's Youth Advisor, and a Councillor will review applicants and make appointments to the Youth Council. Up to 11 young people can be part of the Youth Council.

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