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Selwyn Youth Council Established

The new Selwyn Youth Council is looking forward to their role of engaging with young people and representing their views.

"We're really excited about the formation of the Youth Council and we want to make sure that young people's views are heard in our district," says Youth Council Chairperson Tristan Misselbrook.

18% of Selwyn's population are between 12 and 24 years.

Selwyn's first Youth Council was formed following a District Youth Forum in May at which attendees voted unanimously to support the establishment of a Youth Council. The Youth Council is made up of 11 young people aged between 14 and 24 who live in Selwyn, and two youth worker representatives. The Youth Council members are:

- Michael Anderson (Lincoln High School)
- Councillor Sam Broughton (Youth worker representative)
- Rafael Clarke (Lincoln High School)
- Aaron Donaldson (Ellesmere College)
- Brock Hatton (Darfield High School)
- Tristan Misselbrook (Lincoln High School)
- Daniel Moore (Lincoln High School)
- Melissa Moore (Lincoln High School)
- Heather Neill (Lincoln High School)
- Henry Olivier (Darfield High School)
- Sarah Pascall (of Burnham, attends Middleton Grange School)
- George Steel (Lincoln High School)
- Craig Steven (Youth worker representative)

The Youth Council have already received \$32,000 from the Ministry of Youth Development to stage a two day event for young people next year which will include a 'have a go' day with a carnival and market, a battle of the bands, a concert featuring local talent and a youth forum.

Tristan says the Youth Council are also planning to hold a series of conversation cafés in towns in Selwyn and will also visit local secondary schools to explain the role of the Youth Council.

"The conversation cafés are a way for us to talk to other young people in a café style setting which is a relaxed and friendly environment about what issues and projects they think should be priorities. That will help us to identify what project we want to work on or advocate for on behalf of young people," he says.

The Youth Council will meet monthly and its members will be appointed annually through an application process. Youth Council members will work with the Council to provide a youth perspective on a range of issues, and will develop submissions on matters of interest to young people.

Photo attached: the Selwyn Youth Council, from left: Tristan Misselbrook, Councillor Sam Broughton, Rafael Clarke, Heather Neill, Melissa Moore, Michael Anderson (front centre), Sarah Pascall, Daniel Moore, Brock Hatton, George Steel, Craig Steven.

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