



Media release  
Friday 2 August 2013

## **Selwyn to stage exciting youth event**

Young people in Selwyn will have the opportunity to attend an exciting two day event including a 'have a go' day with a carnival and market, a battle of the bands, a concert featuring local talent and a youth forum.

The Selwyn Foundation Youth Council (which is facilitated by the Selwyn District Council Youth Advisor) has received \$32,000 in funding from the Ministry of Youth Development to stage this event in 2014.

The Foundation Youth Council submitted an event plan to the Ministry which included holding a Youth Forum to discuss ideas and develop action plans and a Battle of the Bands event on the first day of the weekend event.

The second day will feature 'have a go' activities showcasing lots of different sport and recreation activities young people can try and clubs they can join in Selwyn. The day will end with a concert where local young people can show off their talents and invited artists will also perform.

The event will be open to young people from across the district and buses will be arranged to transport people. It will also help young people who are new to Selwyn to find out more about activities they can take part in and get to know new friends.

"This is an exciting opportunity to stage an event which young people from across Selwyn will enjoy. The event will build on the work of our Youth Action Groups and shows the enthusiasm our Foundation Youth Council brings to Selwyn," says Chris Martin, Youth Advisor at Selwyn District Council.

The Foundation Youth Council was formed in May this year following a District Youth Forum which was held as part of Youth Week 2013.

For further information please contact:

Allanah Jarman

Selwyn District Council  
[allanah.jarman@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:allanah.jarman@selwyn.govt.nz)  
03 347 2807