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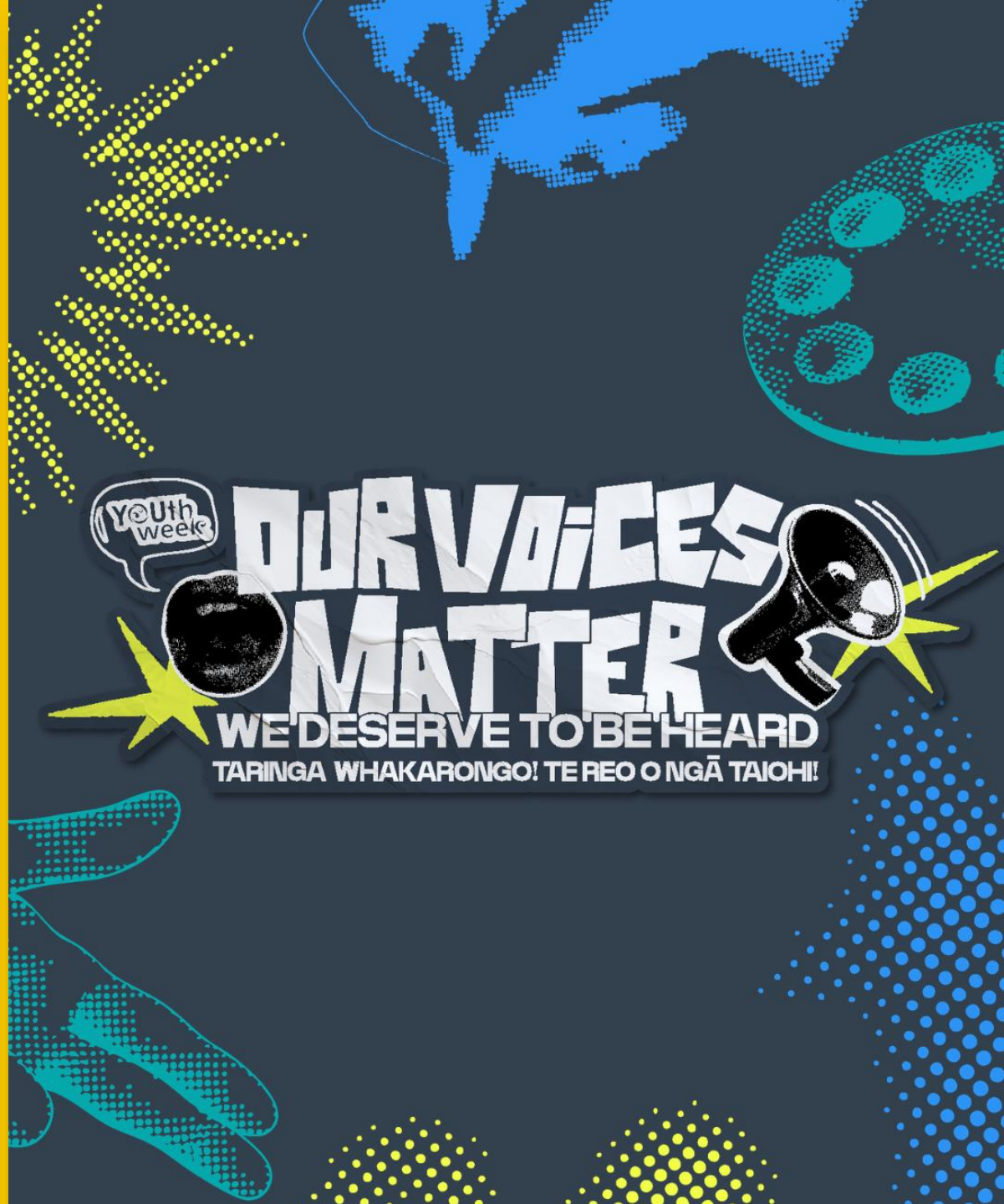
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what you need to know

Rāpare 21 Haratua 2026
Thursday 21 May 2026



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youth week 2026

celebrating our rangatahi from 18 to 24 may!

Youth Week is all about celebrating everything that young people contribute to Aotearoa - just by being themselves. Too often, the amazing things young people bring to our communities go unnoticed - Youth Week aims to change that.

Youth Week is for noticing and valuing the ways young people shape our hapori and world around us. Joining in the celebration means honouring the mana and energy they bring to the world.

This year, the focus is all about making sure youth voices are heard. 'Our Voices Matter, We Deserve to Be Heard' is a chance for rangatahi to share themselves in the ways that feel right to them - through kōrero, creativity, culture, leadership, and everyday actions.



We'd love to feature stories of how different teams celebrated youth week across the motu!

Send in your best pics and a blurb to national_youthservice@msd.govt.nz



youth service experience survey

we use the survey to measure how satisfied taiohi are with the service

**WE WANT
YOUR
FEEDBACK!**

Scan the QR Code
to go straight to the
survey



We want to hear what taiohi think about Youth Service so that we can celebrate successes and find any problems that need to be resolved.

Please reach out to your young people and encourage them to fill in the survey to give feedback. Their feedback is really helpful for improving our service.

After filling out the survey, taiohi will go into the draw to win a \$50 prezzy card!

Link to survey:

<https://www.youthservice.govt.nz/feedback>



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Accommodation costs

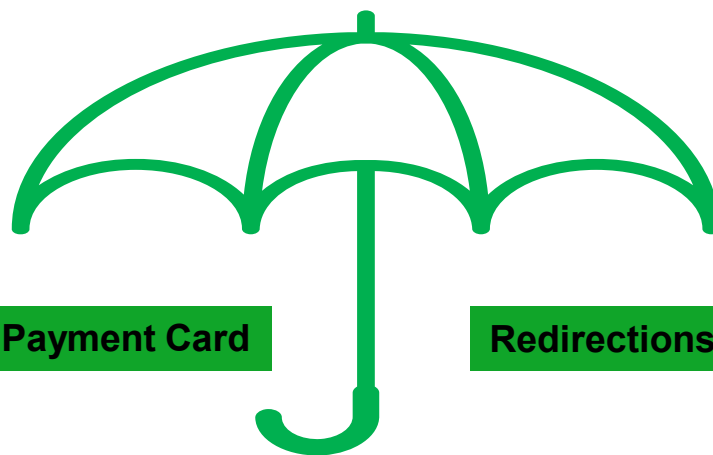
- [Change of Address/Accommodation Costs form](#) is required for any change of accommodation assistance. Make sure you use the most up to date version (March 2026).
- Board is when accommodation costs **include food, rent does not.**
- Young people who are living in a social housing home as an additional tenant will have their accommodation costs (regardless of what is included) assessed as board.
- If the accommodation costs are high and not reasonable then we may ask for proof of board/rent costs.

Find out what the weekly rent is for properties in your young person's area:

[Market rent » Tenancy Services](#)

Money Management

- If a young person has accommodation costs both a redirection and a payment card are required. If they do not have accommodation costs, note this in the money management activity.
- To remove redirections – call before Monday 12pm or 12pm the day before the young person's payment is due to go out.



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Stopping a payment

- You'll need to provide an email from a young person confirming that payments should stop and the date of cancellation. A Personal Details form is not always required.
- A young person can receive payments from StudyLink or Youth Service, **not both**.
- StudyLink notifies YSSU if a young person applies for student allowance or a loan – please leave detailed notes in ART about their study/situation.



Child Disability vs Disability Allowance

- Child Disability Allowance is paid due to an extra level of care for a dependent child who has a serious disability at a set rate of \$60.55 per week (paid fortnightly).
- Disability Allowance can be for on-going additional costs because of a disability.

[disability allowance and child disability allowance | Youth Service providers](#)

The image shows two application forms. The top one is the 'Child Disability Allowance application form' from the Ministry of Social Development. It includes sections for 'How to apply', 'What you need to provide', and 'Tell us about yourself'. The bottom one is the 'Disability Allowance application' form, also from the Ministry of Social Development, with sections for 'Tell us about yourself' and 'Tell us about your relationship status'. Both forms have a 'WORK AND INCOME' section at the bottom.



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upcoming drop-in sessions



drop-in to meet other youth coaches and learn about youth service

love better website Tuesday 26 May, 10am

Come join us to learn about Love Better, a youth campaign initiative set up with purpose of equipping youth with the knowledge, tools and capability to navigate and stop harm in relationships.

[Join the Teams meeting](#)

induction for new coaches Wednesday 3 June, 10am

In this drop-in session we'll cover:

- how legislation and policy determines how Youth Service operates
- the people and teams that help deliver Youth Service
- where to find information to help you in your role.

[Join the Teams meeting](#)

transferring to another provider Tuesday 9 June, 10am

In this session, you'll learn how to help taiohi move to a new provider, making sure they stay supported every step of the way.

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full drop-in schedule

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