

# ratonga taiohi pānui

what you need to know



**20-26 May 2024**

**‘We may not have it all together, but  
together we have it all’**

Māwherangi a tama roto ka taka, kāpuia  
ake ka pūrangiaho’

# Igbtqia+ drop-in session recap

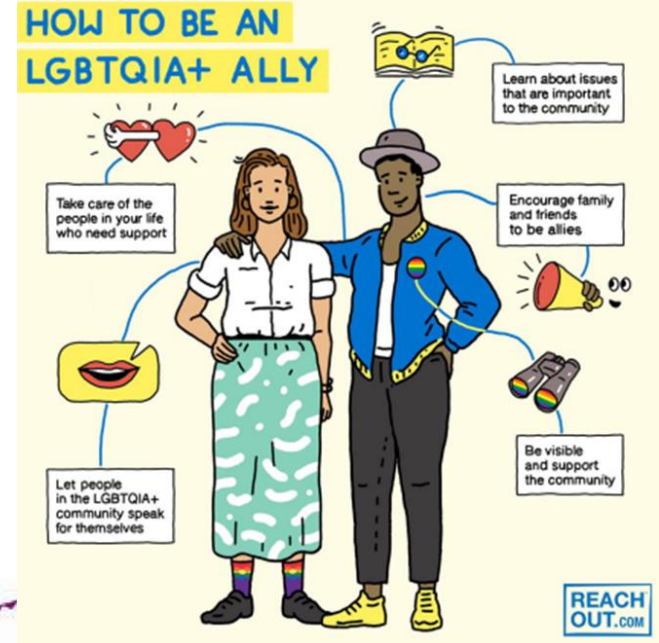


'rainbow' is a broad umbrella term that covers a diversity of sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions and sex characteristics

Each person's journey is unique and not all people have the same experiences or identify in the same way within the community. Working with rainbow youth community can involve getting used to words that may not mean the same as what you are used to.

## Key points to consider

- Speak up for, not over others
- Recognize the difference between speaking up and speaking over
- Understand the importance of speaking as an ally
- Create space for LGBTQIA+ voices
- Use gender-neutral language (eg, they/them) until you know the correct pronouns
- Understanding the core concepts around biological sex, sexual orientation and gender.



**Rainbow Tick** is a certification for organizations that:

- Complete a diversity and inclusion assessment
- Show they understand and welcome sexual and gender diversity
- Engage in ongoing quality improvement and educational efforts
- [For more information click here](#)

**New alert in ART:** You can now add your preferred name, pronoun, and gender



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# youth service satisfaction survey

the youth service satisfaction survey is live

Last week we sent out a satisfaction survey to our taiohi across the motu.

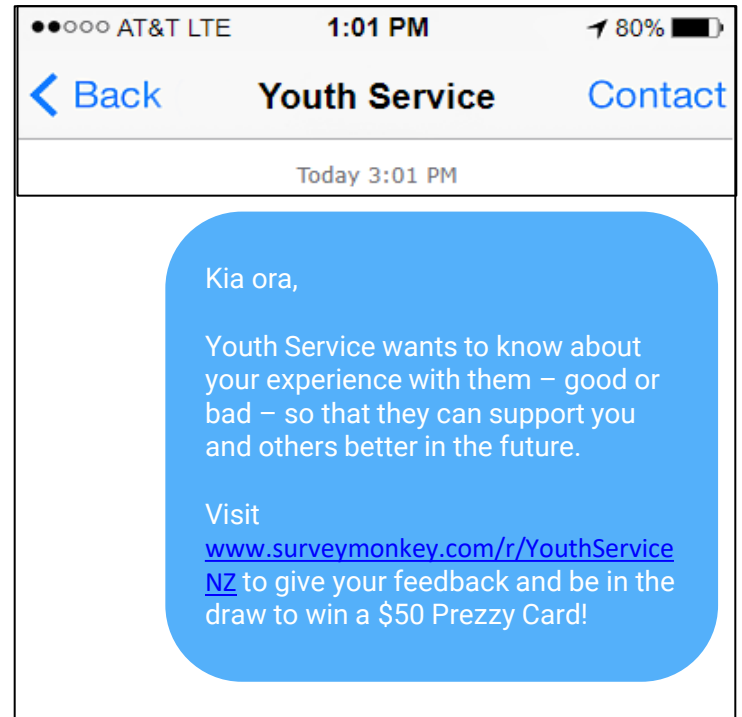
The information we get from the survey allows us to check in and see what improvements need to be made to youth service.

We know not every young person checks their email, so asking them in person and through text helps make sure taiohi don't miss out on having their say.

The survey will close on Friday 31 May.



Here's a message you can text to taiohi



Encourage taiohi to fill out the survey they could win one of three \$50 prezzie cards!



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# what's happening



Celebrating the talent, passion and success of taiohi.

It's great to see so many opportunities for young people to connect with their peers, whānau, and communities in positive, meaningful ways.

Check out a local Youth Week event in your area – there's a busy [schedule of events on the Ara Taiohi website](#).

**What did you do to celebrate Youth week?**

Let us know and we will share in our next youth service update

## World Smokefree Day

31 May 2024



World Smokefree Day theme is

**'We're backing you'**

backing all New Zealanders to become smokefree, to live a life free from the harms of tobacco

## Samoan Language Week

26 May – 1 June 2024

**Phrase of the day**

la manuia le aso  
Have a great day

Samoan Language Week theme

**'Tautua i le alofa, manuia le lumana'i**

Serve in love for a blessed future'

### **Samoa flag meanings**

**Blue:** Stands for freedom

**White:** Symbolizes purity and peace

**Red:** Represents courage and bravery

**Stars:** The five white stars represent the Southern Cross constellation, holds significant navigational importance



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# upcoming drop-in sessions

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



## family violence support Tuesday 28 May, 10am

This week Curtis from the Partnerships and Support team here at MSD will be coming to talk about what supports and resources are available to taiohi who are experiencing family violence.

Join via [Teams](#)

## induction for new coaches Wednesday 5 June, 10am

In this drop-in session we're cover:

- the legislation and policy that determines how Youth Service operates
- the people and teams that help deliver Youth Service
- an overview of the Activity Reporting Tool (ART)
- where to find information to help you in your role.

Join via [Teams](#)

## challenging situations Tuesday 11 June, 10am

As a youth coach, you will inevitably end up facing some difficult situations when supporting taiohi.

In this session we will cover some tips and tools that will help you handle these situations.

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You can find the full drop-in session schedule on our provider site  
[drop-in sessions | Youth Service providers](#)



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# realising the dreams and aspirations of youth

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