

Future Leaders Mentors

Our mentors are an integral part of the Future Leaders Programme; they help develop strengths and talents and assist the young women to reach their goals by caring, listening and offering encouragement.

Future Leaders Mentors come from a wide range of cultures and bring different life experiences. They firmly believe in the potential of young women.

Our mentors receive Mentor Training as well as ongoing support and they attend Future Leaders events. If you are interested in the mentoring role please go to our website for more details or talk to one of our Future Leaders Coordinators.

*"The mentoring role is so rewarding – it can be a wonderful stimulating relationship which restores one's faith in human interaction." **Mentor***



How is Future Leaders funded?

The YWCA is a social-profit community organisation; we rely on donations and grants to support this programme. As we are supported by our hostel, 90% of funds raised go directly to support our programmes. Donations can be made via our website or by calling our office.



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The YWCA Future Leaders Programme aims to develop and support passionate young women to become leaders and role models in their communities.

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YWCA Auckland Future Leaders is a free programme that works with young women aged 14-18 years. Since it began in 2002, Future Leaders has mentored over 225 young women from 16 schools. These students represent over 20 ethnicities.

“Future Leaders is giving female students from Decile 1-4 high schools a chance to grow, learn, develop and have new experiences that they would not normally have access to.”

(YWCA Future Leaders Evaluation. 2009, p.6)

“Future Leaders is a place of achievement, it will forever be a part of me and my mentor is someone I’ll cherish for eternity.”

McAuley High student



“By the end of their four years, the girls had undergone complete transformations.”

*Marie O’Connor,
HOD ESL Mount Roskill
Grammar School*



This is the only mentoring programme in New Zealand which focuses solely on young women in a long-term intervention.

To develop leadership skills we provide workshops, activities, camps and leadership opportunities, all designed to support key developmental stages.

Each student is matched with a mentor who supports and encourages her. All participants are regularly assessed and both students and mentors are supported by Future Leaders Programme staff.

Outcomes

Our 2009 external evaluation gave us evidence of the sustained impact the programme is having for the participants;

- The programme has a retention rate of nearly 90%
- 88% of graduates go on to tertiary education
- All graduates still undertake extensive community service

These positive outcomes have a ripple effect in families and ultimately serve to strengthen communities.

“All participants spoke frequently and passionately of how the young women’s communication, goal setting, personal organisational skills, confidence, leadership, study skills and public speaking had been profoundly boosted...”

(YWCA Future Leaders Evaluation. 2009, p.4)

The YWCA is the largest women’s organisation in the world, incorporating over 125 countries and uniting more than 25 million women.



The YWCA Auckland Future Leaders Programme

- is approved by CYF under section 403 of the Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act 1989.
- follows the six principles of the Youth Development Strategy Aotearoa.