

What is it?

The MPOWA Programme has been designed to provide information, advice, guidance and support services to young people, and specifically for school leavers.

The Project aims to see all young people build their confidence and develop skills to steer them towards a successful future.

MPOWA is passionate about complementing the other services that exist in the community, and can utilise local networks to connect youth to the required resources.

The programme acknowledges the relationship between the schools, the community and the local training providers, as well as the private sector.

We are not an employment agency, but through local business connections we endeavour to match jobs to people with suitable skills.

Who is it for?

This service is available to any young person/school leaver from 16 years and older. Our heart is that every young person succeeds in Otorohanga so are open to supporting each individual whether they have just left school, in further education training, employment, doing voluntary work or are unemployed.

How it works for you.

Schools will refer school leavers to the MPOWA Coordinator who will then contact the young person by mail and phone.

The MPOWA Coordinator can provide advice, guidance and support on a wide range of issues that may be worrying young people including :

- Life Issues
- Careers
- Employment
- Training/Education
- Voluntary work

We love to journey with our young adults and make sure that they are on the way to achieving success in these important areas of their life.

Can parents or caregivers use this service?

Yes. Parents and caregivers are welcome to contact the MPOWA Coordinator to ask about assistance for their young people.

The MPOWA Coordinator is able to work with your young one, to assist them in exploring other options, or supporting them in the workforce whilst they investigate new opportunities.

Contact with this young person can continue for up to 5 years, or when the young person has settled and no longer seeks or requires support.

How can organisations assist this service?

We would love to see a greater commitment from local business toward employment and training opportunities for youth. This could be expressed in the following ways:

- Provide MPOWA with entry level opportunities for young people.
- Promote MPOWA to young people you come in contact with.

MPOWA Aims:

- To reach out to all young people—to connect them to employment, training or other activities.
- To engage with youth shortly after leaving school.
- To provide information regarding study opportunities, both locally and further afield.
- To encourage young people to make positive choices for their future.
- To maintain contact, providing follow-up that takes into account the circumstances, strengths and needs of each youth.
- To helping youth develop strong connections with their community.

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