



***THE
FUTURE
BY
LOCAL
GOVERNMENT***

Why **ChooseLocalism?**

The Future for Local Government review has given us a platform: now we need to own and drive our future - a future by local government.

ChooseLocalism is about local government doing just that. It's about bringing to life the future we want to create, together - a future founded on community and localism.

We'll do that by drawing on the skills, knowledge, expertise and experience we have between us, by sharing what works, and what doesn't, and by challenging ourselves to go further, together.



Will you share your localism story?

We'd love to hear examples of localism which you've seen locally. Share your story at:

www.localism.nz



We know localism initiatives
are already making a
difference in communities
across Aotearoa.

Open up to see just a few
examples of localism in
action across the motu.



LOCALISM IN ACTION

TOI MOANA BAY OF PLENTY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Budgeting/

A new classroom garden or safer ways to get to school? Community members were given the power to decide, through a participatory budgeting process. Locals voted on which school projects they'd like to see funded through the council's sustainability and resilience fund, offering a more inclusive way to make budget decisions.

WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Environment/

Across Waikato, landcare groups are helping clean up rivers, keep pests at bay, and protect unique biodiversity. Landcare groups are found throughout New Zealand. Councils provide technical advice, financial assistance and facilitation, which enables local people to come together and take action on local environmental issues.

TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL

Community assets/

Mana Whakahono ā Rohe is a tool that helps tangata whenua and local authorities agree how they'll work together to get better outcomes for their communities. In Tūrangi, the council and iwi have used this to build an innovative partnership for managing their reserves and assets, and for working together on new projects like a sports facility and playground.

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Engagement/

A Citizens' Assembly is helping councillors engage with a wide range of people - including those they don't usually hear from. To help shape the council's Long Term Plan, thousands of randomly-selected community members were invited to join a Citizens' Assembly. The final assembly will be made up of people who say they're keen, selected to best represent the area's demographics.

WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Safety/

Whether it's helping young people make good choices or supporting older people into safer transport, building safe communities is a team effort in Westland. The Safer Westland Governance Group, co-ordinated by the council, brings together representatives from a variety of local groups like Police, ACC and public health to support projects that make their community safe and welcoming.

FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Urban improvement /

Through the Te Hiku o te Ika Revitalisation Project, communities were empowered to run urban improvement projects from design to delivery, and local businesses were provided support to ensure they could do the work. The end result? Community-designed public artworks, playgrounds, cycle tracks and more, delivered by local businesses.

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

Disaster response/

When a disaster happens, having local people trained and ready to help in their community can make a big difference. Palmerston North is just one example of where this works well. Volunteer response groups, supported by council, help communities get prepared ahead of emergencies, and provide assistance to civil defence and emergency services during crises. They also oversee the Community Response Plan, feeding in valuable local knowledge.

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

Planning/

Locals identified that their small communities needed safer streets, a new medical centre or more resilient wastewater infrastructure. So, with support from the council, they came together to produce a plan to help them deliver these projects and build the future they want. Council supplied financial support and helped facilitate engagement, but the future-focused plans were developed by the community, for their community.

ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY

Environment/

The Waitaha Action to Impact Fund is a contestable fund for community organisations in Canterbury. It aims to build community engagement and action for a better environment in the region. The fund has supported a number of community-led initiatives providing community education, enabled biodiversity action at the local level, and supported local volunteer initiatives.

CLUTHA DISTRICT COUNCIL

Employment/

The goal? No one under 24 unemployed in the district. The solution? Bringing local businesses and young people together. Ready, Steady, Work is a five-week programme run through the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs in Clutha. It prepares young people for jobs and connects them with local employers, opening up new opportunities for both and showing the impact localism can have.