

YOUTHLAW AOTEAROA INCORPORATED



30 years and
counting.....

As YouthLaw turns
30...

...next March will mark the
25th anniversary of:

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in New Zealand.

In September 1986

Auckland Lawyer Robert Ludbrook

and Auckland City
youth advisor Ted
Jones

conceived the Youth
Law Project over a
Museum lunch...

Robert said of the project:



"I have felt there is
a need for a place...

Where children and
young people can get
free legal advice...

...from people who
have some specialist
knowledge of the law
affecting younger
people..."

HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

The project was initially

one small room

with a telephone

a desk

a few chairs

And a small number of
volunteers.....

EMPOWERMENT

The project was the
first New Zealand
organisation

to adopt a non-
paternalistic child
rights based
framework

Within 5 years

the project's
impact was vastly
out of proportion

to its size....

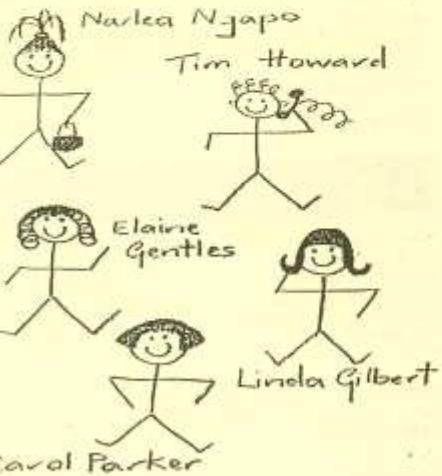


1992 saw the introduction of paid staff

Who Are We?

Youth Law Project is a community law centre for young people, under 25 years of age, living ANYWHERE in Aotearoa.

Our current workers are:-



Narlea Njapo
Tim Howard
Elaine Gentles
Linda Gilbert
Sarah Parker

Youth Law Project

The community law centre for children and young people.

We provide **FREE** and **CONFIDENTIAL** legal advice!

Contact us if you want to know more about your legal rights.

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and the project
qualified for regular
funding

through the Legal
Services Board

OUR LEADERS



From 2000-2010

the leadership of
Claire Trainor and
John Hancock

developed YouthLaw's
reputation

as a voice for youth
issues in New
Zealand

There have been many
changes over this time

including a name
change to YouthLaw
Tino Rangatiratanga
Taitamariki

and then to
Youthlaw Aotearoa...

A move to bigger premises in the CBD

followed by a move
in 2012 to
Youthline's south
Auckland premises

to better engage
with youth with
great need

and collaborate
with other youth
service providers

TODAY

YouthLaw is a
nationwide
organisation...

operates a 0800
advice line...

delivers legal
education and
outreach...

and generates
resources and
information.

The people

YouthLaw now has a
team of lawyers,



law clerks and legal education coordinators,



administration support
and managers,

and dedicated intakes
of volunteers from
Auckland law schools



all passionate about children's rights



Governance



YouthLaw has a highly
effective and
passionate board

with a diverse range
of skills sets and
experience...

In the past year...

we have delivered
legal services

on over 1000 case files!

...and legal education
sessions

to over 2000 young
people!

Highlights

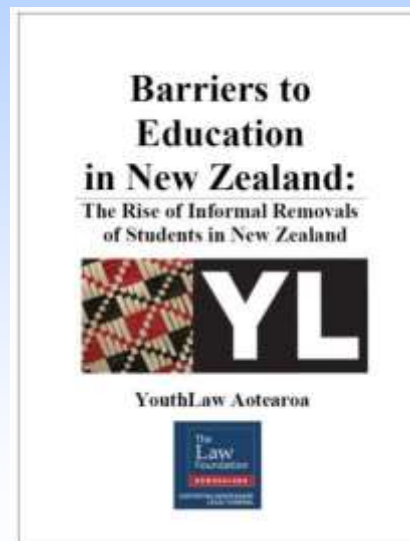
Key pieces of work
in the past few
years have included:

Developing a smart phone app

Rebranding consistent with the Coalition of Community Law Centres New Zealand

Nationwide webinars in education law

Law Reform



Key pieces of independently funded research...

...into the provision of
special education
services in New
Zealand

...and the phenomena
of kiwi suspensions
of students from
school.

Impact

After publication of
the reports,

media attention was directed to potential breach of international obligations in the special education sector,

and the Ministry of
Education updated their
website...

to include information
on kiwi suspensions...

Strategic litigation

In 2014 we took a case
to the high court

challenging the exclusion
of a student with special
educational needs from
Green Bay high school

which highlighted issues
with the provision of
special education in New
Zealand...

The future

We have a lot of work ahead of us tackling the issues that face young people:

Poverty

Abuse

Removal from education

Youth unemployment

Youth offending rates

Youth rates of substance abuse

Youth suicide rates

Cyberbullying

Reflection

You are all part of
YouthLaw's story

and it is a day to
reflect on our past,

celebrate our
successes

and look forward to
the future

New frameworks

We hope for the future
to continue advocating
for the empowerment
of children and young
people,

provide legal
assistance to those
most in need,

and the embedding of
a child rights based
framework in
legislation and policy.

Strategic plan 2017-2019

A fair and just Aotearoa in
which children and young
people's rights are respected
and their voices are heard:

- Youth at the centre
- Collaboration
- Resourcing

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