

ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY & NGĀI TAHU  
INVITE YOU TO APPLY FOR

# 2010 YOUTH LEADERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

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## INFORMATION ABOUT THE NGĀI TAHU - ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY YOUTH LEADERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

There are two categories of awards – individual and group.

### INDIVIDUAL: YOUTH LEADERSHIP FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

#### Criteria for Nominations

This award recognises and celebrates the contributions that a young person has made, either through their own initiative or while supporting school programmes, that have resulted in enhanced general awareness of sustainability. They may also have provided leadership in supporting community sustainability activities. We want to know how these young leaders have contributed to our community (both in school and beyond), the emerging initiatives and vision they have for our region, and the leadership skills they bring to their mahi.

Projects might include recycling programmes in schools, the planning and regeneration of natural areas such as mahinga kai or riparian strips, media created for raising awareness of environmental sustainability, the initiation of an organic garden at their school or marae, raising awareness of an important issue such as human or animal rights, poverty, peak oil or sustainable living, or other similar projects.

Students must be in year 12 or 13 and must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Is a self starter and has shown leadership for positive change
- Initiated sustainability activities in the school
- Shows a keen personal interest in environmental sustainability and has displayed this in their extra curricular activities.

### GROUP: YOUTH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARD

#### Criteria for Nominations

The award celebrates a youth organisation, marae or school based group that has contributed significantly to environmental sustainability in the Canterbury Region. This award is open to a team of rakatahi/young people who may belong to such organisations as youth clubs, Scouts/Guides etc or be working together on a school-based action.

The rakatahi/young people involved must be aged 13-18 and the nominated group must be involved in activities that take place within the Canterbury region and meet at least one of the following:

- Are initiated and driven by young people
- Done in partnership with a community organisation

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- Some examples of the activities the group may have worked on could include:
- ecosystem protection in their community
  - social justice issues i.e. advocacy of poverty reduction initiatives
  - development of a school or community youth education programme
  - initiation of a school, marae or community waste reduction scheme
  - enhancement of an indigenous species protection initiative
  - active campaigning to eliminate carbon emissions and mitigate the impacts of global warming

## PRIZES INCLUDE:

 **bivouac/outdoor**  
COMMITTED TO ADVENTURE



### Individual

- 1st: Kaikoura Whale Watch tour for 2 people – [www.whalewatch.co.nz](http://www.whalewatch.co.nz)
- 2nd: Bivouac Dakine Pack & \$50 voucher
- 3rd: \$50 Trade Aid Voucher

### Group (to be enjoyed or shared as a team)

- 1st: Kaikoura Maori Tours experience – [www.maoritours.co.nz](http://www.maoritours.co.nz)
- 2nd: Bivouac voucher valued at \$100
- 3rd: Trade Aid basket of fair trade products

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Those young people interested in either category should complete the relevant application form, either the pdf attached or online. Access the online versions either from:

[www.ecan.govt.nz/advice/your-school/Pages/awards](http://www.ecan.govt.nz/advice/your-school/Pages/awards)  
or from  
[www.ngaitahu.iwi.nz](http://www.ngaitahu.iwi.nz)

All applications must be accompanied by a statement of support from a teacher or mentor as well as documentation that provide evidence of their actions and initiatives. This documentation can be in the form of a PowerPoint presentation (12-14 slides), poster, art work, photos, written paper, video (five to seven minutes maximum), or any other creative method.

Although presentation is important, the judges will be looking more at the content of their mahi/work. We are looking for independent, sustainable ideas.

### Applications must be submitted no later than June 11th, 2010

For further information please contact:

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Included in this package are:

- promotional brochure for students (permission to photocopy)
- application forms (permission to photocopy)
- 2 display posters