

YOUTH RELEVANT DESIGN

SAFE



Youth research supports CPTED Principles

- » Well-lit
- » Open Space
- » Safe toilets and amenities
- » Covered walkways
- » High visibility
- **Appropriately Located** - Consider surrounding businesses and facilities.
- **Deliberate and safe "hanging" spaces** that are visible
- **Waiting and transition areas**
 - » Young people need to be able to safely get in/out
 - » Information on public transport available
 - » Safe, sheltered bus stops & car pick up areas

APPEALING



Socially credible - young people want to go there to connect with the space.

At arms length but within arms reach -

Young people want to connect with the wider community as well as purpose built youth space, however they prefer spaces which are slightly separated.

Engaging - young people want to be engaged in the space

Involving - young people are far more likely to use space which has had their input, involvement and investment throughout the design and concept stages

ACCESSIBLE



Physically accessible - good disability access is essential. Strong connectivity with good public transport can not be underestimated.

Reasonably priced - activities, services and goods on offer should be affordable for young people. Low cost food options close at hand.

Connectivity to key youth spaces such as public libraries, malls, sport facilities, community centres.

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Easy access to relevant social services and support functions such as youth workers and medical professionals.

- » **Free Wifi** - or internet access.
- » **Low cost** or free pricing structures.
- » **Multi-use** functional spaces with more than one purpose that are well-used
- » **Appropriate amenities** for what the space will be used for

YOUTH FRIENDLY



Vibrant and Alive - a tidy, contemporary and colourful space that reflects young people and their subcultures.

Welcoming staff specifically trained to deal with young people (strong preference for Youth Workers over security guards).

Embraces Young People - a place where young people feel they are wanted and valued.

Prioritises Youth Participation - a space that includes young people as much as possible in the development.

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Youth Voice Canterbury is leading an exciting initiative called ReVision, an initiative seeking to create tangible ways for local young people to have their say on places and spaces in their communities.

ReVision is a social enterprise, consisting of a set of tools including a Youth Friendly Space Audit and the Youth Relevant Design Check Card.

This card here is the **Youth Relevant Design Check Card**. This is intended for planners, designers, architects, and anyone creating a place or space young people will use. This has come from both literatures, and from talking to young people in Canterbury. What has been developed are our 5 Factors in Youth Relevant Design.

YOUTH VOICE CANTERBURY - WHO ARE WE?

Youth Voice Canterbury is a network of young people and youth participation groups from around the Canterbury region supported to have a voice, develop their leadership and get involved in decision-making.

We aim to connect young people with opportunities to get involved, develop the youth voice and champion youth participation. ReVision is one tangible pathway for young people to get involved in shaping their communities and advocate on behalf of their peers.



RESEARCH FIRST

For further information on the ReVision Initiative, 5 Factors of Youth Relevant Design, or to ask about a Youth Friendly Spaces Audit, head to **www.youthvoicecanterbury.org.nz/revision** or email **youthvoicecanterbury@gmail.com**