

Sustainable Citizenship and Civic Imagination: Hei Puāwaitanga



Introducing CYCLES:

Children & Youth Lifestyles Evaluation & Sustainability

A longitudinal global study of Children and Youth in Cities

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Children and young people as competent actors in their own right- 'beings' not 'becomings' (Quortrup 2004)- with right to participate in decisions which affect their lives (UNCRC 1989)

CYCLES aims to:

understand child and youth (12-24 years) conceptions of the "good life" in cities rethink agency and identify changes that makes a difference to self reported wellbeing share ideas rapidly that make a difference re sustainability in cities via publications & multi-media outreach

Research: 3 steps over 3 years:

- Desk based assessment
- Focus groups and Photo elicitation/reflection: "a day in my life"
- Quantitative city wide surveys: "how we live now"

Building on the UN Global Sustainble Lifestyles Survey 2012, modular (to repeat over time)



A day in my life: Energy & consumption across 5 domains

Food, water & waste

Transport

Home energy

Education & employment

Leisure & communication





CYCLES focus groups - Christchurch

	Ages	Decile
Group 1	12-13	6
Group 2	12-13	6
Group 3	13-14	10
Group 4	13-15	9
Group 5	15-16	3
Group 6	16-17	2
Group 7	18-24	Tertiary training
Group 8 & 9	18-24	University
Group 10	18-24	Youth group





THEME: Food, water and waste - Christchurch

WATER FOOD WASTE

- Water: "We get it from the tap"
- Every group volunteered chorine concerns: but 2+ families per group source springs or bores or bottled water or used filter. "Bad taste".



Christchurch Hayward & S Nissen, Lusia Leo, Nuku Tau, Niwa Ututaonga: UC

- First impressions: higher decile= greener food: big gardens, gran's veges, my food bag & family shop
- Uni students eating out lunch & socially,"nothing else to do here"
- High meat & dairy consumption, but all ages sensitized to eat less except rural teens studying in city.

- Waste complex recycling conversations, plastic
- But no closed-loop or product longevity discussion
- Out of sight, out of mind?





THEME: Food, water and waste – New Delhi

FOOD WATER WASTE Water not safe for drinking. What we like to eat vs what we eat Waste collection – "no one One tap for 50 families Ethical issues about aspirational will come to collect it." Limited times it is on food as a celebration of young We can use things a lot lives, rather than deficit shaming An open drain, 40 years "Isn't it obvious? They need to clean up this s?*t!"





THEME 1: Food, water and waste - Grahamstown

FOOD WATER WASTE Water not safe for drinking. Want to eat "healthy" food, yet Waste collection is once per The community opts for bottled week and if the truck does poverty restricts choices and spring water School nutrition programmes not collet waste, dogs tear provide two meals though Serious water shortages and the plastic bags resulting in when water reaches homes it sometimes is badly prepared. the environment being dirty. Food is prepared three times a Sometimes families are will be dirty, brownish & limited week, but on pay-days families eat forced to throw waste in out or buy take-away. dumping sites if the truck Simple meals weekdays and three does not come to collect it. course meals on Sundays.

Lona Musiyia & Ingrid Schudel

Transport: Getting Around, Christchurch

So how do you normally get around? (12-13yrs)

[Tilly]: but um every second week I go to my mum's and I bus to school and bus home. And at my dad's I either bike, scoot, or walk.

Interviewer L: Right, varied. Yes?

[Luna]: When I go on holiday, or when I go skiing or something, I usually go in the car cos it's quite a wee way away and (... interrupted by Nashi, saying something quiet to her...) but then most of the other times we bike.

Interviewer L: Like, sort of day to day stuff biking, is that what you mean?

[Luna]: Well, if we can we'd usually take a mountain bike track. But if we couldn't we'd just go along the road.

Interviewer L: Yeah.

[Nashi]: I bike to school and back. But, unless it's like really close, then we go in the car sort of for other things.







"I think, like I know its not realistic or anything, but I think if they made buses free for kids it would be great!"





Lambeth, London ...Getting away

R: ... every year I go to a place in Africa, Tanzania. I go there every year

Every year, right.

R: Yeah.

I: So, you fly there; what about you XXX?

R: We don't go out that much... but ...like a few months ago, me and my brother went to Portugal, we had a good time... we went to Faro, we went to the beach, stayed and then went to visit our grandma and my auntie, and yeah, it was a good time there.

.....

R: So, normally we go to Ethiopia to visit our family.

I: Yeah.

R: Sometimes, once we went to Germany to visit our uncle, ...

R: We went to Paris and Spain.

R: oh, yeah, we've been to Paris and Spain as well

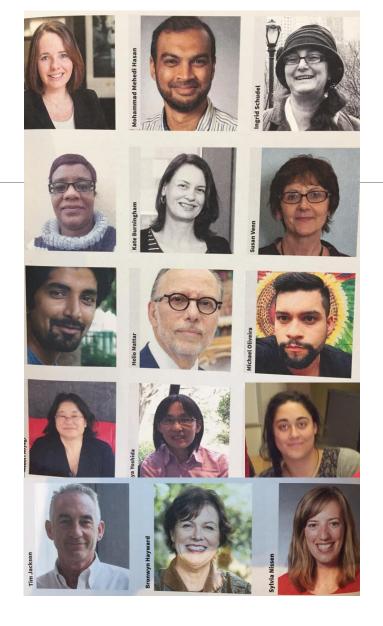
R: And Saudi Arabia.

I: And Saudi Arabia?

R: Yeah, our aunt lives there -









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