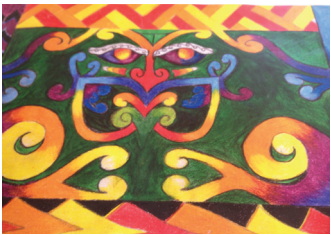


**EDUCATION**  
**IS A VITAL PATHWAY**  
*There are so many challenges for young people to overcome. The issues some are having to navigate through ( safety at home, emergency housing, living in residential care ) These are so big that education becomes secondary. ESYT provides an Educational Day Programme with a teacher and youth workers to walk closely and offer intense layers of support to help young people succeed despite these massive challenges.*



If there is anything ESYT can do to help young people to remain engaged in school we will. Advocacy and Tutoring are part of this. We partner with Inspiration Education and they provide the most incredible Tutors who offer weekly calibre tutoring to all who come. They create an environment where learning is something the young people want to do and the results are great.



## HIGHLIGHTS of the year

- *Being welcomed with Strathmore Community Church onto St Georges in a powhiri and finding a new home for ESYT*
- *Seeing 7 young people on courses or day program complete their education become independent, and find employment*
- *Seeing Young parents with thriving healthy 2-3 year olds*
- *Being amazed by a group of young people hungry to learn & finding their own way to Study Support each week*
- *Seeing 15 & 16 year olds completing NCEA without having to sit exams, a few excellent endorsed, in the midst of some massive challenges at home.*
- *Developing a vibrant positive team triple the size of any ESYT has had before*



## RESIDENTIAL HOMES

There is a quote that says  
***"Home is where you feel loved, appreciated & safe"***  
Sadly in NZ there are many young people that don't have this. The numbers of young people without a place to call home are increasing.  
2018 ESYT began a new season of trying to address this overwhelmingly troubling situation. This year has seen ESYT partnering with Oranga Tamariki to open 2 Homes for young people who desperately need one.  
It has been a challenging time, a sad time with both hopeful and disappointing moments and some very special moments along the way. There are so many young people in need for a safe place called Home.

## WHAT ESYT HAS BEEN DOING

Education Day Program – Youth Work in Schools – Advocacy –  
Art Portfolio Tutoring – Study Support/Tutoring  
Connected to Art Therapist Kirsty Strong  
Break-out Dance – Street Mural –  
Mentoring Group – Overnights  
Camps – Holiday Programmes  
Residential Homes





“There’s no place like home” & that’s almost been the theme of this year for ESYT. Being welcomed into St George’s & being able to create a home-base has been such a gift we are so thankful for. If we feel relief as an organisation, what must it be like for a young person looking for a place to call home? This year ESYT’s Board & the incredible team on the ground took a step into the unknown & had the courage to attempt to create a solution for the increasing number of young people with nowhere to call home. This has been the year that, together with OT, ESYT have opened 2 new homes.

I am so thankful for the team who walk mata ki te mata (face to face) with our young people (including our team leader & family who came halfway around the world to join us!) I am thankful every day for the unsung prayer warriors behind ESYT, and for our God who refills us all.

I want to take a moment to acknowledge this year has been a hard one as ESYT broke new ground. Sadly it has come at a cost to some. We have also had the sorrow that sadly many in NZ have had, & buried young people that had a lifetime ahead of them – I acknowledge all of this, sad for the hurt and glad for new.

Whether still with us or not, every ESYT team member in 2018 has offered love & awahi & a home to young people desperately all of these things. It’s been a big year with God’s hope weaved across it all – *Lorna*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**Ma tini ma mano ka rapa te whai**  
*Many hands make light work. Unity is strength.*

We are thankful to all who have played a part in this journey with the young people...

**An incredible group of people supporting ESYT financially, prayerfully & practically.**

Inspirational Education – Ririe Trust – IWS – Joe Aspell Trust – Gipsy Kitchen – Antipas Contracting – The men at the Boatshed – St Christopher’s Fellowship – Methodist Board – Miramar Peninsular Parish – Wellington Anglican Diocese – Strathmore Community Church – Ngatiawa River Monastery – Wellington South Baptist Church – C.H.Izard – Strathmore and Raukawa Community Centre – Breakaway Funding – MOJ – Ministry of Education – Oranga Tamariki – Mission 4 Youth – Voice Arts – Inspiration Education – Elim & Capital Care Health – TJ Mackenzie – Lottery – COGS – Winton and Margaret Bear – Kirsty Strong Art therapist – Barnados – Ngati Kahungunu ki Poneke Community Services – DCM – Artist Kerb – Capital Training – Police Youth Aid – Greater Wellington Regional Council

## QUOTES

**“ESYT is my family”** 14 year old female

**“My mates died and at first I thought they were the lucky ones coz life is F\_.\_ked up but through all the sh\_t the ESYT crew were right there. I think I’m the lucky one – good I’m still here”** 15 year old female

**“I was shy and dint really talk much, now I am confident. I put myself out there. The EYST Leadership training taught me to be brave and speak out and made me feel like I have something to offer so I do – and other people like it – not just the ESYT team!”** 14 year old female

**“ESYT feels like home”** 13 year old female



**JONON’S THOUGHTS...** (CHAIRMAN’S REPORT)

It has been a challenging and exciting year for Eastern Southern Youth Trust as we have embarked on establishing two residential services for young people. Our team has gone on a steep learning curve and been very adaptable responding to the needs of the young people we are privileged to journey with. As a result we have significant increases in staff. We have built a stronger infrastructure that will see ESYT well set for the future. I am often blown away with the passion, commitment and skill the ESYT team demonstrate and the aroha they have towards the young people.

A highlight over the last 12 months has been developing a partnership with Oranga Tamariki establishing a strong platform in working together towards support and development of young people. ESYT is looking forward to re-imagining our community and youth development work in Strathmore and training of youth workers in 2019.

Recently we have had Lorna Gray resign from her role as Director. With sadness we farewell Lorna, we will miss her expertise and drive however it will also be a new exciting chapter for ESYT.

We have a strong team of governance, management and workers that will continue to grow and fulfil the mission of ESYT.

A massive thank to all ESYT supporters, volunteers, staff, and board members for your efforts over the last 12 months – *Jonon*



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**“When home was rough, study support was safe and got me in the Zone. I reckon it helped me a way to keep going hard. Passed NCEA already! What the...”** 15 year old male

**“I thought I hated learning. School didn’t work, everyone thought I was dumb. I’m not! Tutors reckon I’m too clever – and I’m doing maths & everything. It’s mean as”** 15 year old male

**PARTNERING WITH INSPIRATION EDUCATION**

**“Had some stuffed up stuff with my whanau and almost lost it and threw school away but guess what – just I finished NCEA 2 without even sitting exams and am waiting to see if it’s excellent endorsed. Started each week with Study Support and it got me focused eh. It helped big time”** 16 year old male

