

## Interview Guide

Interview Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewer \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person interviewed \_\_\_\_\_

*If available* – Name of Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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### Introduction to the interview

Thanks for agreeing to take part in this interview. The **100 Dreams Project** began as part of the YouthConnect series of events which took place in the week of 13 August. The initial aim of the **100 Dreams Project** was to talk to 100 youth and people youth want to hear from about their dreams for the future and for New Zealand.

We now are collecting additional interviews from people around the country to form the seed of a bigger dream – **The 4 Million Dreams Project**. We want to bring stories, quotes and dreams together so that people who might support such a project can hear your voice and the voices of others and be motivated to think about our best possible future together.

I'm one of many volunteer interviewers and the reason I'm interested in being part of this is.... *(say something about why you became involved)*.

You may or may not have taken part in an interview like this before. It is an **appreciative** interview. That means I'll be asking you about your best experiences, what you most value about this country, where you live and about yourself, and what your most positive dreams and visions for the future are. We want to find out about the strengths of our country so we can build on who we are at our best.

This interview will take about one hour. After we finish I'll fill out a summary sheet, and it will be logged with the others on gmail. A core group will be meeting to bring together all of the interviews in September. It could be that we discover a great story together that you want to share by having it videoed or recorded. I'll make that known to the team.

Maybe you'd even like to interview someone else for **The 4 Million Dreams Project**, I can give you information on that as well.

At the end, if there's anything else you'd particularly like our *Dream Team* to know, remind me and we'll write it down to make sure they get it.

Shall we begin?



1. How long have you lived in (name of community)?

- What first brought your family here (*if an immigrant – to NZ; if not born here – to this community?*)
- What's it like for you to live in this community?

2. When you think about all of Aotearoa/New Zealand, what particular places, people or images represent this country to you? What does this say to you about New Zealand at its best?

- Why does this place/person/image mean so much for you?
- If you could express that feeling of 'the best of' New Zealand in a word or phrase, what would it be?



3. How would you describe the quality of life for people in New Zealand right now (children, young people, working people, older people, different ethnicities, different beliefs, migrants, etc)? How easy is it for people to live the kind of life they want?

- What most contributes to creating that quality of life?

4. What changes would you most like to see to make life in Aotearoa/New Zealand better?

- What do you imagine the role of people in New Zealand would be in this change?
- What could your role be?
- Who would need to work with you?



5. Without being humble, what do you most value about:

- Aotearoa/New Zealand and what we bring to the world
- Our people and what they bring to this country
- The place and wider region you live in
- Yourself (*prompts: your qualities, skills, attitude, energy, experience, the gifts you bring to this country*)
- How would your family, your peers, your colleagues describe your qualities?

6. Pretend for a moment that anything is possible and your best dream about your own future just came true – what's happening?

- What are you doing? What are you achieving?
- Who is supporting you and how are they supporting you?
- What could you do right now to get started on your dream?



7. Close your eyes for a moment and put yourself in the future – this country is just how you want it to be.

- What do you see? What do you hear? What's happening around you?
- What makes you the happiest? The proudest?

8. Now, come back to the present – what's one thing we could do to make the dream you just talked about start to come true?

- How would you get everyone involved who is needed to help make a difference?

