

# Open Government Partnership New Zealand

## National Action Plan 2018-2021

Progress report for: Jan – April 2021

### Commitment N1: Engagement with Parliament

**Lead agencies:** Office of the Clerk and Parliamentary Service

**Objective:** To improve public understanding of how Parliament works and engage a greater number of people with its work.

**Ambition:** People will be able to access information about how Parliament works more easily and more people will engage with Parliament and have their say.

**OGP values:**

Milestones		Progress
1	<p>Expand the range of information and resources on Parliament channels (television, website, and social media), to support and encourage uptake of this content by targeted audiences (e.g. teachers and students, new New Zealanders, community groups) and educate on participation in our democracy.</p> <p>-delivery of eight video pieces</p> <p>-creation of educational resources for the classroom</p> <p>Viewer numbers will be monitored quarterly.</p> <p><i>Start/End dates: June 2018/June 2021</i></p>	
2	<p>Build the connection between Parliament and New Zealanders by taking Parliament to the people, and raising awareness that Parliament is for everyone, by hosting five events both in and outside of Wellington and digitally.</p> <p><i>Start/End dates: December 2018/June 2021</i></p>	
3	<p>Develop and publish new content each quarter showcasing Parliament's connection between individuals and communities, to make the options for participation transparent and easy to understand how to participate in the democratic process.</p> <p><i>Start/End dates: June 2018/June 2021</i></p>	
4	<p>Develop virtual and augmented reality experiences for people to learn and experience Parliament.</p> <p><i>Start/End dates: June 2018/June 2021</i></p>	

Progress key:



some delays



underway



completed

### WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

- On 12 February, we released a Parliament vs Government animation. This short clip explains the different roles and functions of parliament and government.

- On 11 March, the first members' bill ballot of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Parliament was drawn by a member of the public and live-streamed. This practice has continued since. A visiting school group will nominate some students to draw the tokens from the biscuit tin. This has been a great way of including the public in our democracy!
- On Wednesday 17 March, the presentation of the Address in Reply to the Governor-General was filmed and posted on YouTube so the public could watch this significant event.
- On Monday 22 March 2021, the Speaker's Outreach programme for 2021 kicked off with a visit to Whanganui. The group visited Gonville School, Tawhero School Whanganui District Council, and the UCOL campus.
- The "Rainbow Voices of Aotearoa New Zealand" short film documentary was shown at Parliament to the Cross Agency Rainbow Network Conference and Awaken Conference participants in March and continues to have uptake.
- On 10-11 April, Parliament had a stall at the Pasifika Festival in Auckland. Resources translated into 9 Pasifika languages.
- On 11 April, Parliament had a stall at the Newtown Festival in Wellington. Resources were available at the stall, and an interactive game on the differences between Parliament and Government.
- On 13 April we visited Tawa College students with the Electoral Commission to run a programme on civic participation. The programme at St Mary's College has continued through 2021, focusing on social action, voting and Parliament.
- On 16 April, we released the first interactive map on the Parliament website. This innovative tool showcases MP's inter-parliamentary relations activities across the globe. Parliament stall at the Newtown Festival in Wellington, and Pasifika Festival in Auckland.
- On 23 April, we published a Parliament in War Time online exhibition, which showcases some pieces around the Parliament precinct.

## HOW WE ARE INCLUDING DIVERSE VOICES

- On 21 January, we released a new education resource named *Democracy in a Crisis*. The resource examines when features of democracy could be seen as being challenged through legislation and a government's actions. It also offers an example of what safeguards could be put in place to help preserve features of a democracy in certain circumstances. A webinar for teachers was held on Tuesday 16 February to explain how to use the resource.
- On 27 January, we published an online exhibition - Tai a Kiwa: Stronger Pacific Parliaments. This exhibition celebrates New Zealand Parliament's longstanding friendship and diplomacy with its Pacific neighbours.

- On 25 February, we published an online exhibition called Thanks from Iso. This exhibition was also open to the public in the Visitor's Centre, and showcases the experiences of Kiwi returnees, frontline healthcare workers, and MIQ staff through art.
- On 8 March, we released the Wāhine o te Pāremata: Women of Parliament video. This half hour documentary includes interviews with former and current women members of the New Zealand Parliament.
- On 24 March, the Change Makers' Prize competition was launched. This is a new competition offered by OOC and PS. The competition asks students to imagine they are giving a speech to Parliament and to submit a short video of that speech in which they express their opinion on their chosen issue and the action they think Parliament could take to address it. 117 entries were received.
- Our Rito Reference Group met in March and April to discuss what project they want to deliver, with the aim of increasing youth engagement with Parliament.
- In April, NZ Parliament used social media to gather public responses to an anonymous survey on the Harmful Digital Communications (Unauthorised Posting of Intimate Visual Recording) Amendment Bill. The Justice Committee wanted to hear from youth on the bill in particular, so most social media content was focused on Instagram stories that then directed people to the survey. Responses to the survey were collated to present to the committee.

## HOW WE ARE KEEPING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES INFORMED

- On 5 February, another Ayes on Education newsletter was sent. This issue includes a refresher in our current onsite programmes, an introduction to our new resource and an invitation to join the education team to learn about how we can support students.
- New Zealand Sign Language interpretation was provided on Parliament TV for Emily Henderson's Maiden Statement on Tuesday 9 February.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

- New programme with He Tohu at the National Library "Voices of Change" offered to primary and secondary students.
- Select Committee outreach in Wellington region and Auckland.
- Parliament stall at Fieldays in Hamilton in June to promote parliament and engage with the public.
- Resources translated into Hindi and Simplified Chinese.
- The first Accessibility Reference Group meeting in June.

- Online resource for schools on social action.

## • LINKS – EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS AND MILESTONES ACHIEVED

- Parliament vs Government animation (12 February): <https://ondemand.parliament.nz/how-to-guides-for-nz-parliament/?itemId=77467>
- Members' Bill Ballot (11 March): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dMTeBgzNhak>
- Presentation of the Address in Reply (17 March): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-7eICTewKiU>
- Speaker's Outreach to Whanganui (22 March): <https://www.parliament.nz/en/visit-and-learn/speakers-outreach-programme/parliament-visits-whanganui-march-2021/>
- Pasifika Festival and Newtown Festival (10-11 March): <https://www.parliament.nz/en/get-involved/features/parliament-is-coming-to-you/>
- Inter-parliamentary interactive map (16 April): <https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/parliamentary-relations/inter-parliamentary-interactive-map/>
- Parliament in War Time online exhibition (23 April): <https://www.parliament.nz/en/get-involved/features/parliament-in-war-time-online-exhibition/>
- Democracy in a Crisis (21 January): <https://www.parliament.nz/en/visit-and-learn/educators-and-students/resources/democracys-response-in-a-crisis/>
- Tai a Kiwa online exhibition (27 January): <https://www.parliament.nz/en/get-involved/features/tai-a-kiwa-stronger-pacific-parliaments-online-exhibition/>
- Thanks from Iso online exhibition (25 February): <https://www.parliament.nz/en/get-involved/features/thanks-from-iso-online-exhibition/>
- Wāhine o te Pāremata Women of Parliament: A documentary short film (8 March): <https://ondemand.parliament.nz/special-features/?itemId=80546>
- Change Makers' Prize (24 March): <https://www.parliament.nz/en/visit-and-learn/educators-and-students/the-change-makers-prize/>
- Ayes on Education newsletter (5 February): <https://www.parliament.nz/en/visit-and-learn/educators-and-students/ayes-on-education-newsletter/ayes-on-education-february-2021/>
- Emily Henderson Maiden Statement (9 February): <https://ondemand.parliament.nz/parliament-tv-on-demand/?itemId=215981>