

Open Government Partnership New Zealand

National Action Plan 2018-2020

Progress report for: April 2020 – June 2020

Commitment 3: School Leavers Toolkit

Lead agency: Ministry of Education

Objective:

- 1 To develop a Schools Leavers' Toolkit (Toolkit), comprising a suite of tools, resources and curriculum supports making it much simpler for schools to:
 - Understand and respond to learners' levels of financial literacy, work readiness and knowledge of civics and personal wellbeing
 - Integrate civics, financial literacy, personal wellbeing and workplace competencies into their local curriculum across years 7 - 11
 - Effectively teach civics, financial literacy, personal wellbeing and workplace competencies.
- 2 Civics education, and an understanding of how government and the democratic process works, is an important element in developing young people who are confident, connected, actively involved, lifelong learners.
- 3 The Toolkit will also provide a vehicle for increasing young people's access to other Plan commitments, such as the information products being developed by the Office of the Clerk, and the Youth Parliament programme, delivered by the Ministry of Youth Development and the Office of the Speaker of the New Zealand House of Representatives.

Ambition:

- 4 Every young person can access the civic and financial literacy, and workplace skills, they need to succeed, before they leave schooling.

OGP values:

Milestones		Progress
1	Stocktake of existing Toolkit resources complete <i>June 2018 – September 2018</i>	
2	Ministers consider Ministry of Education analysis of opportunities to support expanded access to Toolkit opportunities <i>September 2018 – December 2018</i>	
3	Exploratory co-design phase concludes and is used to inform resource development and a detailed implementation support plan. <i>June 2018 – February 2019</i>	
4	Pilot implementation reporting and evaluation complete <i>February 2019 - Dec 2021</i>	

5	Toolkit training and support programme complete <i>February 2020 - Dec 2020</i>	
6	Initial pilot of digital badges underway <i>June 2021</i>	

Progress key:



some delays



underway



completed

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

- On Wednesday 25 September 2019 Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education, officially launched the School leavers' Toolkit student website at Wellington High School.

The School leavers' Toolkit student website was launched in 2019. It provides key information and advice on civics, wellbeing, financial literacy and key workplace competencies. The site is available in English and te reo Māori and has been designed in consultation with a range of young people to appeal specifically to 16 – 24 year olds. The website has seen over 105,000 views since the launch, with over 36,000 first time users.

- On 16 June 2020 we launched new civics education resources for teachers of English medium education to use with students from years 1 – 13, with a particular focus on years 6 and above. The resources are based on two key themes; belonging and living together in Aotearoa New Zealand and processes of decision making and government. These resources are available on the [School Leavers' Toolkit teacher facing website](#).
- Work to develop digital badges for each of the four School Leavers' Toolkit topics has been delayed by COVID-19. Digital Badging seeks to enhance the student website, and enable students to communicate their knowledge and skills to employers, communities, tertiary organisations, parents and whānau.

In response to COVID-19, resources were reprioritised to meet the immediate needs of the education sector during lockdown, and work on a 'simulated user experience' to prototype Digital Badging was postponed. We are seeking funding to progress this project in FY2020/21 via Ministry of Education internal business planning processes. We have amended the completion date for this milestone to June 2021, however this is contingent on resourcing being available.

- We have contracted a supplier to develop civics education resources for use in Māori Medium settings. These resources seek to take a holistic approach to civics education through a te ao Māori lens (e.g. How can I use my te ao Māori perspective to address issues in my community?). The delivery date for these resources was June 2020, however the timeline for engagement with the Māori

Medium sector was impacted by COVID-19, which has pushed the final delivery date to September 2020, with a release intended for later in 2020.

- Our training and support programme for teachers and educators to integrate the School Leavers' Toolkit into their local curriculum was impacted by COVID-19 and New Zealand's Alert Level changes. The majority of the workshops scheduled for Term 1 in 2020 were completed, with a small number being done via webinar. The workshops scheduled for Term 2 are being delivered in the second half of 2020, by mid-October.

We are collecting baseline data at the workshops to measure the capability and confidence of schools and kura, and the impact of the training and the uptake of Toolkit resources. This supports our broader evaluation approach. We have amended the completion dates to the end of 2020 to capture the impact of COVID on our timelines on the training and evaluation.

HOW WE ARE INCLUDING DIVERSE VOICES

- We have planned engagement activity for further development of the School Leavers' Toolkit, via the NCEA Change Programme Feedback Hubs. These Feedback Hubs have been formed to support our understanding of the needs of specific user groups, such as students with disabilities, students with learning support needs, and Māori and Pacific young people. Engagement activities commence in the second half of 2020.
- We have undertaken a review of the student website content to ensure it is reflective of the diversity of young New Zealanders in the current environment.
- We have created an Inclusion and Diversity Video Resources and supporting lesson plan for teachers to use in their classrooms. This resource can be used to support young people to call out and address racism when they observe or experience it. We are launching this resource in the next few months.

HOW WE ARE KEEPING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES INFORMED

- We are using the Toolkit on TKI website to provide updates on Toolkit product development. The site includes a feedback portal for any questions or ideas users may have. The Toolkit on TKI website is publicly available.
- As part of the training and support workshops, we are inviting communities to participate, with a particular focus for attendance at Māori Medium workshops. This supports schools to build their local curriculum in partnership with communities.
- We are engaging with the Human Rights Commission and the office of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commissioner to inform our resource development.

WHAT'S NEXT?

- We are seeking further investment for the Toolkit via Ministry of Education internal business planning processes. This investment will support further phased development of the Toolkit.
- We are progressing planning for communicating other products currently under development for release this year.
- We are planning communications for the launch of the civics education resources and announcement of the training and support workshops. We are also progressing planning for communicating other products for delivery mid year, including Māori Medium civics resources, digital badging, strategic planning tools for developing localised curriculum and the Māori Medium Toolkit Integration Framework and Māori Medium case studies.

LINKS – EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS AND MILESTONES ACHIEVED

- <https://www.otago.ac.nz/education/ess/schoolleaverstoolkit.html>
- <https://sltk-resources.tki.org.nz/curriculum-resources/>