

Open Government Partnership New Zealand

National Action Plan 2018-2020

Progress report for: August 2019 – October 2019

Commitment Number 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: Public Participation

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 - November 2019 - July 2020</i>	

Progress key:



some delays



underway



completed

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

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

The School leavers' Toolkit student website is a publically available resource providing 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.

As at 8 October 2019, the student website has been accessed by 4,038 first time users: 61% are accessing from their mobile device, 32% via desktop and 7% on a tablet. There have been 12,900 page views and users are spending an average of 1 min 30 sec on the site per session.

- Our engagement with Ākonga Māori has concluded and a Toolkit framework for use in Māori medium settings, *Te Hekenga Ki Hawaikihou*, has been developed. We are now working to identify the priority resources needed to support kura to implement *Te Hekenga Ki Hawaikiho*.
- Work has begun to develop digital badges for each of the four Toolkit topics. Online digital badges will enable students to provide evidence of their learning to employers, tertiary organisations, parents and whānau and will enable us to more effectively measure engagement student engagement with Toolkit learning.
- We are also in the process of contracting a provider to develop and deliver training and support for teachers on integrating Toolkit topic resources into their teaching and learning programmes.

The successful training provider will be required to assess the baseline capability and confidence of the schools and kura they engage with and develop an evaluation plan to measure the impact of the training and the uptake of Toolkit resources.

The training programme is scheduled to be implemented over the first half of 2020. We are therefore amending the completion date of Milestone Four, Pilot implementation reporting and evaluation complete, to July 2020 so we can include the training programme evaluation data.

- Initial drafts of the civics education curriculum resources are complete and have been circulated to subject matter experts and teachers for feedback.

Overall, the draft resources were very well received, and we have constructive feedback from teachers, curriculum experts, the New Zealand Political Studies Association, civics and citizenship academics and the Office of the Children's Commissioner.

Due to the high level of engagement with the resources and the large volume of feedback, the delivery date for the final resources is now November 2019. These resources will be publically available from the School Leavers' Toolkit teacher facing website on Te Kete Ipurangi (Toolkit on TKI).

HOW WE ARE INCLUDING DIVERSE VOICES

- We are currently planning engagement activity for Phase Two of the Toolkit's development. This will focus on understanding the needs of specific user groups, such as students with disabilities, students with learning support needs, students in alternative education and Māori and Pacific young people.

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 publically available.

WHAT'S NEXT?

- We are working with the Ministry of Youth Development (Commitment 2: Youth Parliament) to increase the use in education of the outputs from their 2019 Youth Parliament. These outputs include videos, select committee reports and the sustainable energy mock bill.
- We will update the Toolkit on TKI website with a Phase Two development timeline as per the recommendations of the Independent Reporting Mechanism.
- We have attached updated milestones to reflect Phase Two of the Toolkit's development, now that we have funding confirmed until end of June 2020.

LINKS – EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS AND MILESTONES ACHIEVED

- Update milestones for review (Annex 1).

ANNEX 1 – PROPOSED UPDATE TO MILESTONES

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