

Open Government Partnership New Zealand

National Action Plan 2018-2020

Progress report for: 1 July – 30 September 2020

Commitment 3: Civics 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- on indefinite hold</i>	

Progress key:



some delays



underway



completed

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

- Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education, officially launched the School leavers' Toolkit student website at Wellington High School in September 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 120,000 views since the launch, with over 40,000 first time users as at 30 October 2020.

We are beginning to review and create new content for the School Leavers' Toolkit on a two-monthly basis. The first review will be for the 'Taking care of myself' section of the website and will introduce pages on managing stress and anxiety, maintaining connections after secondary school and mindfulness. In this update we will also be adding a section on Te Tiriti o Waitangi for the Government and Voting section. New content will be communicated through Ministry channels such as Facebook, Instagram and the School Bulletin. We are also engaging a digital marketing organisation to boost the social media presence of the School Leavers' Toolkit.

- In 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](#). We have had very positive reviews of the new resources so far.
- We also launched Te Hekenga ki Hawaikihou in June. Te Hekenga ki Hawaikihou is a co-designed curriculum integration framework that reflects some of the key skills and knowledge that ākonga in kura arareo Māori education settings seek to develop in preparation for their future pathways.
- Work to prototype digital badges for each of the four School Leavers' Toolkit topics has been put on indefinite hold due to COVID-19.

- We 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. We intended to launch these rauemi in Term 4 2020 but were unable to as the date of the election was moved. We intend to release in Term 1 2021.
- We have created a mihi video to welcome young people to the School Leavers' Toolkit. You can view this here: vimeo.com/user/14889366/folder/2844744
Password: **MOE2020**. This will be available on the School Leavers' Toolkit by the end of November 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. Most 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 were delivered in Term 3 due to COVID-19. The majority of these workshops were delivered via Zoom. These workshops were mostly well-received and focused on introducing the civics resources to schools nationwide. There was a great deal of excitement about these resources, especially from Māori medium kura and wharekura.
- 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 December 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. As part of this we have developed a mihi video that welcomes young people to the School leavers' Toolkit and rewritten parts of the website to reflect a stronger te ao Māori perspective.
- 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 created this video resource alongside the Human Rights Commission and launched it in September 2020. You can view the video here: <https://school-leavers-toolkit.education.govt.nz/en/taking-care-of-myself-and-others/racism-and-other-forms-of-discrimination/>

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.
- We are utilising channels such as Kia Manawaroa to reach more whānau Māori. Through this channel we will communicate new content to the School Leavers' Toolkit and the launch of new resources (such as the Māori medium civics rauemi)
- We worked closely with the Māori medium sector for the development of the Māori medium civics rauemi. This included a rangatahi reference group who helped to shape and decide on what content was most relevant to them for the Māori medium civics rauemi.

WHAT'S NEXT?

- We are creating 'off the shelf' packages for each part of the School Leavers' Toolkit. These packages of learning will:
 - consist of a package of learning in the form of unit plans or lesson plans
 - use and curate existing resources, which will cover all learning required for a learner to demonstrate competency in each of the Toolkit topics; and
 - be able to be tailored and augmented by schools so as to meet the needs of the local curriculum context.

We intend to have these completed and ready for launch by end of May 2021.

- We are creating a video case study to support kura and wharekura to learn how Te Hekenga ki Hawaikihou can be implemented into their local curriculum. This will begin development in December 2020 with the intent of launching in Term 1 2021. We will launch the Māori medium civics rauemi alongside this.
- We will continually update, refine and archive the content of the student facing School Leavers' Toolkit.

LINKS – EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS AND MILESTONES ACHIEVED

- <https://sltk-resources.tki.org.nz/curriculum-resources/>
- vimeo.com/user/14889366/folder/2844744 Password: **MOE2020**.