

## A Future Leader's Story

Joanne joined **Future Leaders** in 2005; she is one of 7 children and comes from a Pacific Island family. Joanne was always quiet and very shy but you could see a determination to make a difference, to overcome her quietness and to challenge those that were not doing the right thing.

Joanne was matched with a mentor who was an outgoing and successful business woman who supported Joanne to create goals and a future that Joanne had decided she wanted. Through goal setting and attending activity days and workshops Joanne began to achieve the goals that she had set for herself.

From a shy young girl to the new Deputy Head Girl of her school, Joanne now calls herself a Future Leader.



Helping young women achieve their goals, reach their potential and become leaders in their communities.

## Want to help?

The YWCA Auckland is a not-for-profit community organisation. The Future Leaders programme relies almost entirely on community generosity to do what we do.

There are several ways that you can help to make a difference.

If you would like to become a mentor in Auckland or the Far North or find out more about mentoring please contact:

### Community Programmes Manager

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The YWCA is the largest women's organisation in the world, incorporating over 110 countries and uniting more than 25 million women. The YWCA Auckland is part of this global organisation.

# Future Leaders

Developing and supporting passionate young women to become leaders and role models in their communities

mentoring • skills development • leadership



The YWCA Future Leaders Programme aims to develop and support passionate young women to become leaders and role models in their communities.

*"A lot of doors have been opened for me, all I need now is to walk through them"*  
**Student**



*"Future Leaders is a well organised and highly effective mentoring programme. I wish I could have gone on such a programme myself at that age!"*  
**The Dean of Year 10**



*"The mentoring role is so rewarding – it can be a wonderful stimulating relationship which restores one's faith in human interaction"*  
**Mentor**



The YWCA Future Leaders Programme provides mentoring, practical support and skills development to young women who show leadership potential. Students and their families are not charged for their involvement in Future Leaders. It is free.

Young women enter the programme in Year 10 and remain on it for up to five years (usually until they finish their first year of higher education).

Each young woman is assigned a mentor who works closely with her. All participants are fully supported by Future Leaders programme staff.

Our aim is for the young women on the Future Leaders Programme to become capable and confident leaders in many areas of society, acting as role models for other young people and taking their leadership skills back into their communities.

## Objectives of the Future Leaders Programme:

- To increase the young women's self-confidence by providing access to a range of experiences
- To support and encourage the young women to achieve their self-defined goals
- To support the young women's educational achievements
- To facilitate opportunities for the young women to actively lead in their communities

## How do we develop young leaders?

In conjunction with mentoring, the Future Leaders programme provides physical or creative activity days and leadership workshops. The aims of the activity days are to provide young women with a range of experiences to help build self-confidence. The workshops focus on building essential leadership qualities.

## What is a mentor?

We are looking for women to become mentors, women who believe in the potential of youth and who are interested in giving back and making a difference.

A mentor is an ordinary person, a woman from the community who is interested in assisting a young woman on her journey to reach her goals.

## How do I become a mentor?

Contact us. We will be able to tell you all about the Future Leaders programme and answer any questions you may have.

Prospective mentors receive comprehensive training that covers essential skills for mentoring.

For more information on becoming a mentor or getting involved contact the YWCA Auckland on 09 375 9243 and ask to speak to our Community Programmes Manager.

Future Leaders operates in Auckland and the Far North.

Since its establishment in 2002 Future Leaders has mentored 145 young women

