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| Growing Healthy Greater Christchurch – Waka Toa Ora |
| **Setting/problem**Healthy Christchurch was developed in 2002 based on the WHO Healthy Cities model. It was established through both bottom-up and top-down approaches to improve collaboration in the city around health outcomes. **Intervention**In recognition of the wide collaboration in our region, a range of organisations came together to enshrine their commitment to each other and to the health of our area and its people. Government Agencies (local and national) NGO community organisations (large and small), Maori and Pacific organisations developed a Charter declaring: *“All sectors and groups have a role to play in creating places that are healthy, safe and fair. We work together to promote, protect and improve the health and well-being of our people and whenua.”*Healthy Christchurch has effectively supported collaboration for over sixteen years through specific collaborative projects, capacity development, interactive lunchtime seminars driven by Charter signatories, and communication infrastructure in the form of highly regarded weekly updates, a website and social media. Healthy Christchurch has provided a foundation for subsequent Health in All Policies approaches between many of the signatories. In 2016, Healthy Christchurch was identified as a key forum to support community input to a large cross-agency planning initiative in Christchurch, the Greater Christchurch Partnership (GCP). The GCP membership includes local, regional and national government, the District Health Board and Iwi. For Healthy Christchurch to undertake a key role around health and wellbeing with the GCP, the geographical boundary of ’Christchurch City’ needed to expand. **Outcomes**The expansion of Healthy Christchurch to Waka Toa Ora (Healthy Greater Christchurch) was the outcome of community input. It brings a rejuvenated focus on community connections, equity and social and wellbeing outcomes—for the signatories, our wider sector, and the Greater Christchurch Partnership.An advisory group has been re-established with an expanded geographical mandate and has membership across the signatory base.**Implications**The expanded forum provides opportunities for the health and wellbeing sector to be included in decision making across the Greater Christchurch Region. It continues to provide core connections and supports the signatories to collaborate and be well informed in their day-to-day work.**Preferred presentation format****Poster** |