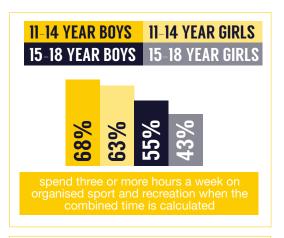
# GROWING YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION

in physical activity for sport, exercise or recreation

Nationally young people aged 15+ are less engaged in most aspects of sport and recreation compared to younger children aged between 5-14 years (Young People's Survey 2011).





This profile defines young people as 15-24 years, based on Young People's Survey 2011 (15-18 years) and Active NZ Survey 2013/14 (16-24 years).



SEEKING EXPERIENCES

**INSPIRING** 

SOCIAL

**REWARDING** 

**'FOR ME'** 

**CREATIVE** 



# **KNOW THE BARRIERS**

Young people experience both practical and personal barriers to participation:

PRACTICAI



Time & cost
- real and
prioritised



Traditional sport is unappealing



Competing activities - eg screen time, shopping, friends



Focus is on sporty kids/



Shortage of accessible role models



Don't know where/who to

PERSONAI



Personal barriers difficult to identify\*



Impact on social life



Perception of sport/emotional reasons



Study pressure/work pressure



Body image and appearance of adolescent girls

See: Publications Revie Synthesised for more in

\*This theme was identified from the literature reviewed that there may be unstated personal barriers that could have more of an effect than we currently recognise

MISSING OUT SOCIALLY







# THE VALUE OF PARTICIPATING

Most young people know that regular physical activity and exercise is a good thing. It provides:

POSITIVE BODY IMAGE BETTER PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL

SOCIAL CONFIDENCE, CONNECTIONS & INTERACTIONS

AWARENESS OF HEALTHY CHOICES REDUCES ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Participation by young people offers one of the greatest opportunities for the sport and recreation sector to grow. Equally, participation offers young people healthy habits for life.

See: Publications Reviewed and Synthesised for more information

# **KNOW THEIR PREFERENCES**

# **YOUNG PEOPLE (15-18 YEARS) PREFER TO PARTICIPATE:**



While mucking around



Organised by school (outside of class time)

**GIRLS BOYS** 



With a club (outside of school)

**BOYS GIRLS** 

FUN, FITNESS & HEALTH ARE MOTIVATORS (16-24 YEARS)





**Fitness & Health** 

92%



**67%** 



**Sport Performance** 

**59%** 



### NATIONALLY, YOUNG PEOPLE 15-18 SPEND LESS TIME PLAYING SPORT THAN YOUNGER CHILDREN

- Less likely to spend 3+ hours a week when combined for sport and recreation (Young People's Survey 2011)
- More likely to spend more time participating (3+ hours a week) when informal and organised sports/activities are combined (Young People's Survey 2011)

Where sport is part of a young person's life, it tends to play a relatively small role (Challenge of Growing Youth Participation in Sport 2014).

WE MUST OFFER YOUNG PEOPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL AS THEY AGE

# **SPORTS CLUBS & SCHOOL SPORTS** TEAMS are an important part of many young people's (15-18 years) Young People's Survey 2011

## TOP TEN ACTIVITIES (BOYS 15-18 YEARS)













Running/Jogging /Cross Country



Swimming



**TOP TEN ACTIVITIES (GIRLS 15-18 YEARS)** 





foung People's Survey 2011













Basketball Soccer, Futsal Badminton



## REMOVE THE BARRIERS: DELIVER WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE ARE LOOKING FOR

Sport and recreation providers must recognise the age transitions and support young people to continue participation despite competing interests/activities and changing life stages.

MAKE IT SOCIAL, MAKE IT FUN

EMBRACE TECHNOLOGY YOUTH SPEAK

ADD MUSIC

MEANINGFUL Experience OFFER SOMETHING DIFFERENT See: Publications Reviewed and Synthesised for more information



WITH FRIENDS

"PROVIDED BY PEOPLE LIKE ME"

Partnerships must be fostered between schools, clubs and partner (including sport and health) organisations to maximise opportunities and pathways for participation outside of school. Communities make or break the experience – train frontline staff to deliver to youth.

## **PARTICIPATION CAMPAIGNS**



#### N211

Designed for children and young people to influence outcomes in their local neighbourhoods and communities through innovative and creative unstructured play www.in2it.org.nz



#### 8M8S – WAITAKERE

Growing participation with short, fun versions of traditional sports

http://live.isitesoftware.co.nz/sportWaitakere/childandvouth/secondaryschool/8m8s/



#### STREET GAMES - UK

Bringing sport to disadvantaged youth

www.streetgames.org



#### FIT FOR GIRLS – SCOTLAND

FitGirl Revolution inspiring girls and women to get fit using Instagram community for success stories www.fitgirls.com

# **LIMITATIONS & DISCLAIMER**

This document has been prepared to provide insight to sport and recreation providers in New Zealand to engage young people. It summarises a series of New Zealand and International research and seeks to highlight opportunities to grow young people's participation.

This document has been co-produced by Sport Waikato and Sport New Zealand to summarise selected profiles that have been identified as opportunities to grow participation. This document summarises statistics and literature, including best practice/case studies.

Sport Waikato and Sport New Zealand recognise that in producing this document other sources of information are available. This document is not a definitive profile and will be updated periodically as new information is published.

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