



People power: the path to low carbon transport
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Presentation title (limited to 10 words)

Acting on children's voices for a low-carbon transport future

Presentation format: A mix of a conventional lectern presentation and participation workshop.

Abstract: (300 words max.)

The current generation of children is the one we expect to live a zero-carbon lifestyle when they're adults in 2050. If we're making choices today to shape their future, we must listen to what they say and act responsively to what they need now.

In August 2023, Crank was engaged by Auckland Council to capture a vision of children on the future of transport. Workshops with 181 children in classrooms across the city taught us about the direction of change desired and anticipated by this up-and-coming generation.

Listening to what children have to teach us is just the first step. If we're to deliver on their vision for the future, we must also respond - at pace and at scale - to what they need now. This session will present what we've learned from children across the city about how they expect to move in the future and a framework for determining how to meet what they need now. This framework recognises there is no 'one size fits all' solution and that our responses need to meet the sometimes unique sets of challenges and opportunities faced by children and the communities within which they live.

The session will involve activities for participants to work through the framework to identify how they might respond to the needs of children in their cities and communities. Children have a significant stake in the move to a sustainable transport future. This session is contributing to a wider, ongoing conversation on the subject and a new way to think about how to kick-start change.



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