It was great to have Tash and Keith along from The Y to give us an update on the Y-Drive Programme and the work they are doing in the local Rainbow Community.



A quick update.....

- We have rebranded to be known as "The Y"
- We now have five sites (2 sites here in Timaru, 1 in Ashburton, 1 in Oamaru and 1 in Christchurch) and approx. 40 staff working for us
- Our core areas of focus remain:
 - Education & Training
 - Employment Pathways (inclusive of Y-Drive)

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o Youth & Community Development



Y•Drive Community Driving Scholarship Programme CDSP began with a shared vision of The Y & this Rotary Club to ensure all people living within our community are provided with the opportunity to "open doors" by obtaining a driver licence, irrespective of socio-economic circumstances. We aimed to deliver 70 scholarships in our first year. This year we will deliver 125 scholarships, utilising Rotary's ongoing philanthropic support, along with other philanthropic funders. Rotary **Referrals from Trusted Partners** We continue to utilise our contacts within the community to refer those most deserving of support. These partners include PSSC Refugee Resettlement Service, Arowhenua Whānau Services, Multicultural Aoraki, Family Works & Pasifika o Aoraki, to name a few. This year we have already delivered in excess of 1,000

driving lessons across 400 individual drivers.

220 of these 400 have already passed their driver licence test. The other we continue to work with...

...so you can see the demand!

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The Y – #makingithappen!

Tonight you've heard about two activities your local Y is involved in, one of which was "seed funded" by this Rotary Club, for which we are hugely grateful.

As you heard from Tash tonight, we deliver many other programmes, services and support groups across South Canterbury, as we continue to inspire and connect our community and its people.

On behalf of the Y and this community, we thank you for your ongoing trust and belief in our mahi.

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Parents, whanau and caregivers of the rainbow community



Our very first meetings for parents/whanau and caregivers are being held at YMCA Timaru

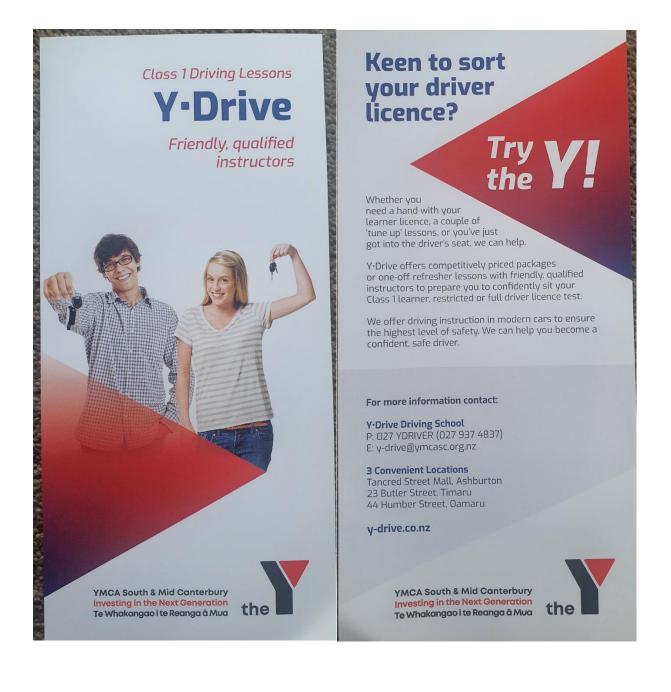
When: On a Wednesday, held every 3 weeks

Time: 5:00pm

Location: 7-9 Sophia Street, Timaru

Information: For any adults who have family members (of any age) who identify in the rainbow community. This will be a safe place for adults to share information, laugh, cry, and generally connect with other adults in our community over a cuppa and biscuit. Share as much as you like or just come and listen to gain knowledge.

Contact: register your interest to Natasha Dominey <u>Natasha@ymcasc.org.nz</u> or phone YMCA 03 6883682



Rainbow Education 101

for businesses & community organisations



Want to learn more about the Rainbow Community?

The Rainbow Community is diverse and evolving, which can seem confusing to some people.

In just a single 2-hour facilitated session, Rainbow Education 101 will enhance your understanding of the Rainbow Community. Topics covered include:

- LGBTQIA+ terminology & meaning
- Difference between sex, gender & sexuality
- Stereotypes & myths
- Pronouns correct usage & why that's important

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- Mental Health in the Rainbow Community
- The Rainbow Tick

Get in touch today, and begin to engage more confidently with the Rainbow Community.

For more information and pricing contact:

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