

LIDLAW COLLEGE

Te Wananga Amorangi

500.515 Connecting with Youth & Young Adults Course Outline

NQF Level: 5
Credit Value: 15

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course explores the cultural and social context of youth and young adults and prepares students to effectively connect with and engage these age groups in ministry through the practical outworking of a theology of relationality and community. It considers contemporary approaches to contextual youth ministry, understanding youth culture, building authentic relationships, creating genuine and inclusive community, and connecting cross-culturally. This course will also explore the pastoral needs of youth and young adults and prepare students with appropriate responses to the issues that youth and young adults face in their transition to adulthood.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the course, the student should be able to:

1. Describe the relational and communal basis for youth and young adult ministry.
2. Identify key cultural and contextual factors within which to engage, connect with and develop young people.
3. Articulate the pastoral issues faced by youth and young adults
4. Apply appropriate responses to the pastoral issues faced by youth and young adults using a theology of relationality and community.