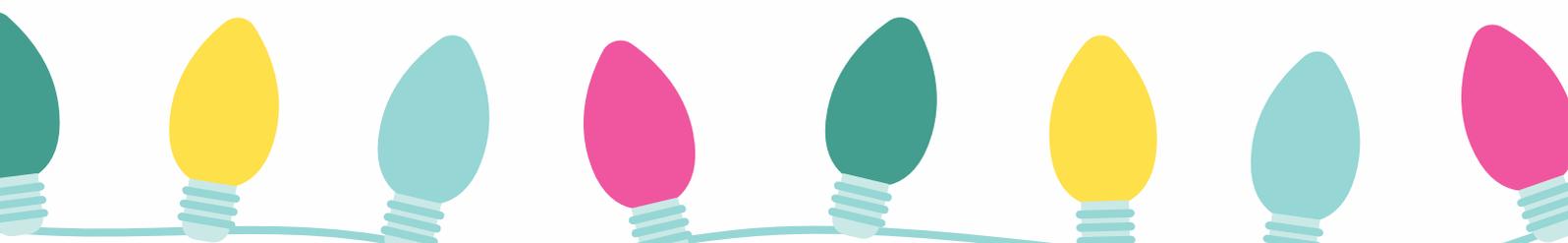


THE GET GROUP

Newsletter



DECEMBER 2021



HAERE RA 2021!



Kia ora koutou katoa! With another year coming to an end, and what a busy year it has been, we are grateful to reflect on the amazing things we have achieved in 2021!

Firstly, we would love to thank all of you for working with us this year, we have loved seeing familiar faces and meeting new people in all of our courses and work placements, and it has been a pleasure working with every single one of you!

We were so glad to get back into schools this year, as well as offering our remote courses to better suit our learners. We visited schools in Whangarei, all the way down to Invercargill, and everywhere in between!

This year, The GET Group has been focused on ways we can be further involved in our communities through new projects, including our brand new School Holiday Programme and The Little Heroes Project. There has also been lots of room for expansion this year, with four new hires, Aria, Darlene, Hayley, and Kelly, as well as the move into our brand new head office in Palmerston North. We have had a lot of fun, and we're excited to see what 2022 has in store!

WELCOME TO THE WHANAU

We were lucky enough to hire two new Delivery Specialists this year. Darlene, in Tauranga, and Aria, in Wellington. We were even luckier to welcome the newest member of our team, baby Grayson! Congratulations to Josh and Kaylee for the new addition to their whanau.



Darlene is a Delivery Specialist based in Tauranga. She has studied Psychology and Human Development, at Waikato University and is currently learning the ropes delivering workshops all across the Upper North Island.

Darlene likes to enjoy the sunny outdoors in the Bay of Plenty and spending time with family.



Aria is a Delivery Specialist based in Wellington. Her background is in Education and Anthropology. This year, her focus has been on workshops across Wellington and the South Island with Hope. Next year, she will continue her studies doing a Master of Teaching and Learning Victoria University of Wellington!



Grayson's mum is our lovely HR manager, Kaylee, and his dad is our fantastic Resource Manager Josh. Grayson also has a furry friend called Jet! He enjoys hanging out with us at our team get togethers, getting outside in the fresh air, and has a new love for musical toys!

WELCOME TO HAYLEY AND KELLY

We are also very excited to introduce two amazing young people who will be running our new School Holiday Programmes!



Hayley has been working with us since October and did a fantastic job in a junior lead role last holidays. She will be stepping up to co-lead the team with Kelly in December. She is in her final year of college and going on to study Early Childhood Education next year. She is also the co-founder of her non-profit business I.M.P.A.C.T Forward which raises awareness for mental health.



Kelly will be co-leading with Hayley from December and has also been working as a Delivery Specialist this term. Previously Kelly ran her own business which involved running education days for children, and is passionate about working in education. Kelly is inspired daily by her partner, Ryan, and four-year-old son, Mason and she enjoys traveling, biking, fishing and competing her horses at a national level.

LEARNER SUCCESS

We love to see our learners thriving and finding their passion. Here are some awesome learner success stories from 2021.

Hamdiya St Vincent de Paul's

Hamdiya got some work experience at St Vinnies Op Shops after working one-on-one with Hope this year on her NCEA. Since the end of her placement, she has been volunteering there every Wednesday and loves being part of the team!



EJ, Sophia & Michal Scapegoats

EJ, Sophia, and Michal did an NCEA accredited course with us in August and started their placement at Scapegoats landscaping recently.

All three have an interest in pursuing a career in horticulture and have been gaining some awesome experience in the field!

Nicholas - Wellington

Nicholas has been working one-on-one with Hope this year to gain his NCEA levels after being out of school for three years. He has made huge strides in his confidence, he has gone from not being able to go out in public, to starting a work placement at Repco!

Nakita - Wellington

Nakita completed our Young Parents course this year, and is now getting some work experience with us at The GET Group! She has done an amazing job supporting Hope in workshops around Wellington, and connects well with students by telling her story of being a young mum.

NEW COURSES

This year we introduced some new courses into our GET Wellbeing Series. They have been hugely successful and well received by our learners.

GET Pharmacy

A big shout out to Sam and his team at Bay Pharmacies (*Unichem Excelsa, Unichem Greerton, Unichem Cherrywood and Life Pharmacy Te Puke*) for hosting and supporting our GET Pharmacy programme this year.

Our learners gained some life changing experience in Retail Pharmacy growing their confidence and skill base.

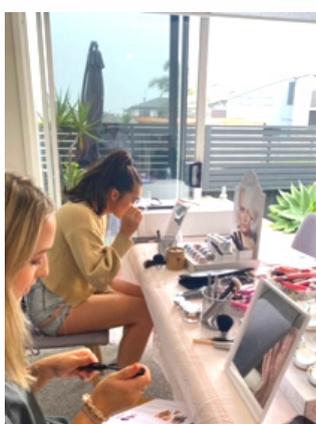
One of our students is currently going through the interview process for a junior technician role, and we wish her the best of luck.



GET Presentable

Thank you to Tessa from Little Lash Beauty Therapy for training and supporting our staff whilst creating this new programme. Our learners gain excellent knowledge of different makeup types and application skills.

These courses have been particularly popular with our young parent groups and we even had a young dad join one of our workshops in preparation for his daughter hitting those teen years!



School Holiday Programmes

PROVIDING WORK OPPORTUNITIES
FOR YOUR LEARNERS



This year we gained accreditation with MSD to run OSCAR approved School Holiday Programmes. We piloted in Palmerston North during the July and October school holidays with great success. Next year we are looking at adding after school care and starting a programme up in Wellington.

As well as being a place where children feel safe and included, we have largely started it up to provide work opportunities for school leavers. This weaves extremely well into what we do with Secondary Schools and this year alone we have employed 12 school students through the school holidays.

If you are based in Palmerston North or Wellington, get in touch with Hope (gethope@outlook.co.nz) about working in one of our School Holiday Programmes.



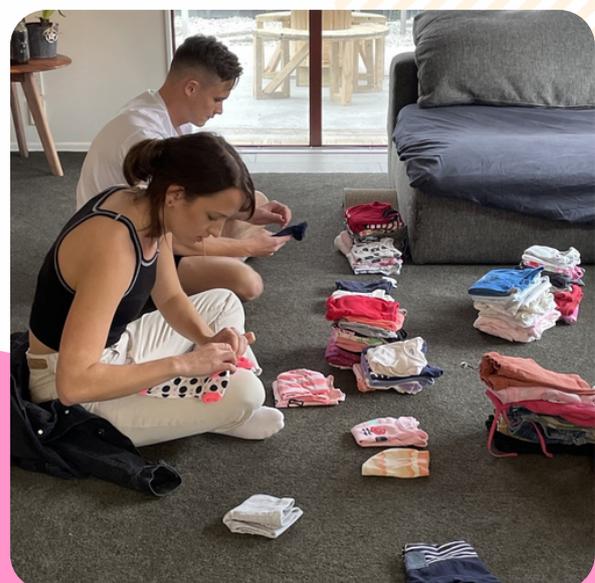


This year, our Tauranga Team Leader, Lori has been leading the charge in an effort to support the young parents we were meeting through our NCEA courses. Along with her team, she has created a non-profit umbrella group called The Little Heroes Project.

The Little Heroes Project started with the collection of children's clothing, and other essential items, which were generously donated by local community super heroes. Our team clean, sanitise, and package up the goods into 'zero cost' gift boxes which are distributed to young parents and other community organisations who are supporting young families. We run workshops specifically designed for young parents to help them gain skills and qualifications for future employment, and we are currently working on creating well-being camps to support healthy life choices for the parents and their children.

Ultimately we aim to advance the education and transition to work opportunities for young parents across New Zealand.

It has been so rewarding to work more closely with all our young parents this year. They have amazing work ethic and are so keen to provide for their families. We have been amazed at the generosity from our communities through their donations and we love that we can give back through The Little Heroes Project!



REMOTE LEARNERS



This year, Shay took on the role of Remote Learner Manager.

She has done an amazing job working with young people across Aotearoa and has remotely managed over 100 learners this year.

We have seen some amazing success in this area and it is steadily growing.

Aria has been working with some remote learners in Kaikoura who were working towards their level one literacy and numeracy credits. These learners have left school and work together at Te Hā o Mātauranga Community Centre. We are so proud that they have completed their GET Literacy course this year and excited to see where they will go from here!



WORK PLACEMENTS

Due to COVID we have experienced some challenges getting our young people into work placements. Our Employer Partners have been amazing and we did manage to get a good portion of learners some experience in the work place, with some incredible opportunities working in industries such as hospitality, retail, and even landscaping and administration!

We are also pleased to say, we have still managed to get 17% of our learners transitioned into gainful employment.



STAFF UPSKILLING & VACCINATIONS

Our team have committed to some professional development this year and it has been an excellent opportunity for us all to engage as a group to achieve the Health and Wellbeing (Social and Community Services) Community Facilitation strand specialising in Youth Work Level 4.

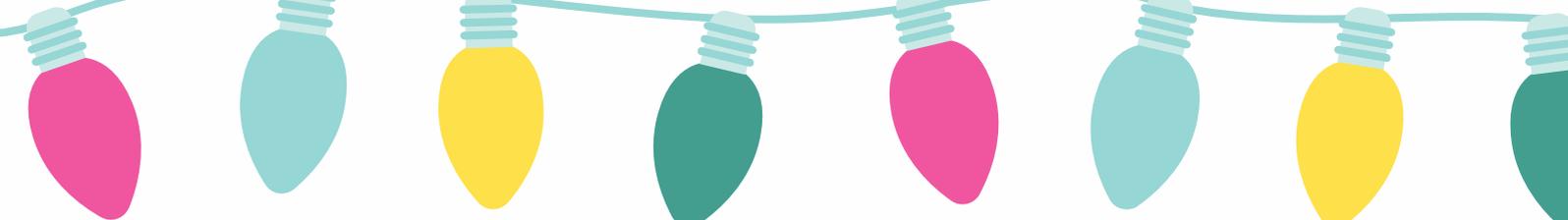
Big shoutout to the team at Careerforce for guiding us through :)

We also committed early on to being 100% vaccinated by the end of 2021. We hit the mark around mid November so we are all ready to go for 2022.

GET GROUP OFFICE & TRAINING ROOM

This year we had the opportunity to purpose build an office and training room in Palmerston North. Big thanks to Adrian and Josh for the hard mahi they put in making it the perfect space for us! See the photos below of our first workshop in the space!





**Thank you all for such an
amazing year and the support
you have shown us throughout.**

WITH LOVE & APPRECIATION FROM
THE GET GROUP



Cheers
To 2022

The GET Group staff are all fully vaccinated and ready for 2022

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