



How Will We Tackle Poverty?

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Copy to Rotorua Council and local speakers for feedback.

	Hows	Reworded
	Domain: Youth	
1	Changing the way we teach from theory to practical 'hands on' learning and working with whanau.	
2	Ensuring schools are 'fun institutions' with adults who listen and learning styles catered to, aiming to create students who love to learn.	
3	Having smaller teacher/student ratios in classrooms.	
4	Ensuring teacher aides and social workers in all schools.	
5	Teaching Te Arawa, Te Reo (Whakapapa), employment skills, addiction education, life skills (cooking, life planning, budgeting, gardening, sewing, emotional and financial literacy), the values of education, community, self and family, healthy relationships and savings in all schools.	
6	Teaching real life stories. For example talks from recovered drug and alcohol addicts, drink driving outcomes and pregnancy (fetal alcohol syndrome) outcomes.	
7	Having inspiring kaumatua mentors in schools.	
8	Providing youth motivating courses for all students that focus on building individual strengths.	
9	Ensuring local funding for scholarships.	
10	Promoting boarding schools for teenage years.	
11	Interacting more with youth on social media platforms. For example ensure key directory services are on social media pages for easy access.	
12	Schools reflecting the reality of their communities making it easier for parents. For example allow canvas shoes from Kmart (\$4) instead of leather shoes from The Warehouse (\$20).	

	Domain: Community	
13	Rebuilding neighbourhoods and community by creating community hubs for social solidarity and to share knowledge between generations in gardening, knitting, creative and computer skills. This will also build social, mental and health awareness.	
14	Showing parents how to actively love the children.	
15	Encouraging learning about the community: the ability to reflect, understand and identify beliefs.	
16	Creating a culture for caring for our most vulnerable.	
17	Changing the stigma of poverty: being in poverty doesn't mean you're uneducated or not contributing to your community.	
18	Moving away from the 'one size fits all way of thinking'.	
19	Replacing the flowers in roundabouts with fruit and vegetables (at least in the suburbs).	
20	Including elderly in everything we do in the community: pick them up and take them to hui meetings; visit them in their homes; and involve them with rangatahi e.g. reading buddy or schools adopting grandparents.	
21	Establishing a collective together, creating good relationships.	
22	Providing free kai for kids distributed from the local community centres not from within the school gates.	
23	Registering and working to become a UNICEF NZ Child Friendly City.	
24	Improving council websites for easy access to information.	
25	Showcasing through social marketing, good examples of initiatives that are working in the community.	

26	Councils to notify the community of upcoming events and services by contributing to school/community newsletters and websites.	
27	Creating volunteering initiatives which enables unemployed to volunteer (for X amount of hours) in return for receiving things such as financial support to get photo ID taken or to buy a suit and tie.	
28	Establishing a Daytime Educational Drop In Centre to provide clear pathways for whanau who want help and retraining.	
29	Providing a temporary address for people to start the benefit process.	
30	Changing the WINZ financial assistance process. For example to be more informed, have background checks on who they support, pay to assist clients and do follow ups on their service.	
31	Providing agency support and empowerment for solo parents, focusing on strength based services and fathering programmes.	
32	Providing a minimum five day stay in hospital for new mums to help them on their journey to motherhood.	
33	Providing free childcare for all pre-schoolers, not just subsidized. (Lobby the government to change legislation.)	
34	Establishing a 24 hour Social Care Centre.	
35	Establishing a universal caregiver allowance.	
36	Providing a universal caregiver wage.	
37	Ensuring needs assessed disability and carer support.	
38	Providing residential respite for carer's children.	
39	Establishing local initiatives for specific needs.	
40	Providing universal access to health services, counselling, rehabilitation centres and housing.	

41	Rehab grants for offenders who spent time in prison and community detention centres. The grant does not have to be in the form of money but could aid integration with support programmes, which could provide basic work and living skills training.	
42	Providing services such as housing bonds or accommodation supplements to working families still struggling due to low paying wages – the working poor.	
43	Making it compulsory for social service providers to let clients know what they are entitled to. We need easy access to services that work for the people.	
44	Providing sustainable funding for supportive initiatives: support in the home long term; consistent support for workers; and support for those with identified needs (culturally appropriate services).	
45	Allowing communities to make decisions about how to allocate funds instead of the central government. They can compare outcomes to other communities and learn from each other.	
46	Funding for medical, police and community services specific to Rotorua to allow for the visitor population. (Instead of taking resources away from local residents.)	
47	Funding initiative for community and iwi.	
48	Introducing better processes within the ACC department to make it easier for disabled people.	
49	Creating independent evaluations of social services to make sure that the impacts/KPI are being met.	
50	Breaking barriers to extend service providers restrictions.	
51	Campaigning to love food, hate waste.	

Domain: Housing	
52	Providing communal housing as a long-term accommodation option.
53	Establishing new PapaKainga (communal living across generations).
54	Telling HNZ to step up and stop selling houses.
55	Allocating the empty houses in the region to families waiting on the Housing NZ waitlist (which is currently a three year wait). Funding will be necessary to get some of these houses up to a living standard and should come from Housing NZ.
56	Reviewing accommodation costs.
57	Building affordable homes.
58	Establishing a Centre for Homeless Whanau.
59	Establishing a Homeless Night Shelter.
60	Establishing Emergency Shelters.
61	Creating easier criteria for access to social housing.
62	Establishing compulsory warrants of fitness for housing.
Domain: Financing debt	
63	Capping debt.
64	Providing free legal advice for the elderly.
65	Revisiting laws for students to protect them from the burden of debt and providing interest-free loans.

66	Changing the tax system.	
67	Establishing more regulations around money lending and our financial system.	
68	Campaigning for a living wage: Increasing the hourly rate to a minimum of \$18 per hour.	
69	Funding for benefit entitlement relevant to community 'living costs'.	
<i>Domain: Business</i>		
70	Careers evenings for businesses with employment vacancies. Community members have the opportunity to attend a four-step training programme to gain the skills to fit the vacancies. The idea comes from Ruapehu where it was successfully trailed and saw a high placement of workers.	
71	Businesses adopting a local community centre.	
72	Community business owners committing to employing local people.	
73	Providing a subsidy to encourage businesses to hire people on the benefit (instead of overseas labourers). Redirecting government benefits towards subsidising a long-term solution will allow workers to enter the workforce to gain skills, confidence and ability to support their families.	
74	Encouraging socially responsible businesses (good corporate citizens) and employment/training opportunities to the business community.	
75	Changing the way contracts are done.	
76	Getting rid of all liquor and lotto shops in poor areas.	

Domain: Government initiatives		
77	Creating a Central Government Strategy targeting poverty.	
78	Establishing Te Kopai Tuatahi – The first footsteps: A think tank to continue the work and ideas that have been discussed. This would get funding for research, with the findings accessible to all.	
79	Providing additional government funding to District Health Boards to ensure everyone has support for first 1,000 days of a child’s life, valuing the role of mother and father.	
80	Creating government policies that value and support kin care.	
81	Government led and supported vision around poverty – <i>2025 NZ poverty free</i> – where implementation and information fed at the local and regional level.	