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We then headed back to the Council for the second part of our meeting which was brainstorming and learning about the other Youth Council. Our brainstorm topics were Mental Health Awareness Week, each Youth Council's work plan and opportunities for collaboration.

The reason we have a brainstorm session at each meeting is we can make these events the best they can be and this week we were aided by Selwyn Youth Council and we are looking forward to getting more involved in each others Youth Council's and are planning to host some events together for both Selwyn and Ashburton to enjoy.







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The contribution from Cheapskates Skate Skool was definitely a highlight of the day as it allowed people of all ages to try something new and have access to reliable and safety conscious gear that meant everyone could have fun as well as be safe at the same time.



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The Youth Activate was a chance for like minded people who came from Youth Councils from all over the South Island, to join together for two days and have this fun camp experience. The different groups that attended were the Ashburton Youth Council. Youth Voice Canterbury, Invercargill Youth Council, Dunedin Youth Council, Student Volunteer Army, Kaikoura Youth Council. Christchurch Youth Council, VOYCE, Wai Youth, and Hurunui Youth Programme.

We had many different activities and various guest speakers come in to do workshops with us. Tane Keepa came in on Saturday morning to talk to us about Biculturalism, our second workshop was based on professional image and good governance from Chris Mene, then we had Penny Prescott talk about ethics and boundaries, after that the Youth Electoral Commission talked to us about political neutrality. We had a keynote speaker talk to us about young people and the environment over all which was Annika Andresen. Sunday morning, Tayla Taylor, Hannah Dunlop, and Penny Prescott





talked to us all about the big picture in the youth sector. In the last few hours left of the camp we had to pick two sessions out of Volunteering, Youth Relevant Design, Careers and CV's, or Submissions which each lasted 30 minutes.

My highlights of the camp would have to be the quiz night, bonfire, and just being there in general. I loved the location of the camp and everyone there. Everyone was super welcoming. The bonfire was a lot of fun as we all were singing around it after the quiz night.

Overall I'd say the Youth Activate Camp was such an amazing experience for us all. The camp was so successful and we all learned so much! We were extremely grateful for the wonderful organisers and awesome guest speakers. 10/10 experience and I'd love to go again next year!











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