

Time for youth to think about our fiscal future

The McGuinness Institute announces its workshop LongTermNZ: Taking a long term position on the future, 09–14 December 2012

‘No one will be more affected by current fiscal decision-making than youth, so it is important that they have an opportunity to participate in the discussion’, says Wendy McGuinness, Chief Executive at the McGuinness Institute.

The McGuinness Institute is experimenting with a new initiative designed to open the door for engagement by young people interested in understanding the long term fiscal and policy challenges facing New Zealand. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss New Zealand’s fiscal issues and to grill experts, including Chris Laidlaw, Andrew Gawith and Sam Morgan.

The *LongTermNZ* workshop will bring together 20 young people to develop a *Youth Statement on the Long-Term Fiscal Position*. The participants will have spent the previous two days attending the *Affording our Future* conference being held by the Treasury and Victoria University in Wellington.

With support from the Treasury and Victoria University of Wellington, *LongTermNZ* will provide an environment for the 20 participants to reflect on what they have learnt, and to discuss and articulate their reflections in a booklet targeted at other young people.

Wendy McGuinness says ‘The *LongTermNZ* workshop provides the opportunity for New Zealand youth to begin a conversation about the future of New Zealand’s long-term fiscal position and communicate this information to their peers.’

‘The Treasury’s Statement on New Zealand’s Long-Term Fiscal Position is an important tool for strategic foresight in government and it is important the country’s young leaders are encouraged to take a long term view of the challenges and opportunities they will face.’

To finish off the workshop a public finale presentation and lunch will be held on Thursday 13 December where participants from the workshop will present their ‘*Youth Statement on New Zealand’s Long-Term Fiscal Position*’.

Event: *LongTermNZ* Workshop finale Presentation and Lunch

Date: Thursday 13 December 2012

Location: Te Wharewaka o Poneke, 15 Jervois Quay

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Links of interest:

LongTermNZ:

<http://longtermnz.org>

2009 Long Term Fiscal: Position

<http://www.treasury.govt.nz/government/longterm/fiscalposition/2009>

Affording our Future conference:

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/sacl/about/chair-in-public-finance/events/affording-our-future-conference-2012>