

MAYORS TASKFORCE *for* JOBS

goals

By 2005, no young person under 25 years will be out of work or training in our communities.
By 2009, all people in our communities will have the opportunity to be in work or training.

objectives

- to provide a national focus of leadership on the jobs issue through co-operation between Mayors concerned about employment issues in their communities
- to share best practice on what we can achieve on employment at the local level
- to create local and national forums which address the “big picture” of trends on the issues of income and work
- to link with imaginative private sector initiatives that are addressing unemployment

mission

*working towards
the “zero waste”
of New Zealanders*

critical issues

The ability to :

- influence real job creation
- apply longer-term thinking to the employment issue
- devise programmes which are effective in addressing the Maori and Pacific Island unemployment in our communities
- halt the decline of rural and regional communities
- advocate for the re-building the not-for-profit and community sector
- develop a more active partnership between local and central government
- encourage government organisations to be flexible in the way they allocate resources at a local level
- access local funding for projects and initiatives

we believe that

Mayors, irrespective of their different political persuasions, can work together for this common purpose

Mayors and local authorities can take a proactive leadership role in addressing employment issues in their communities

Mayors can also take leadership in ensuring the co-ordination and co-operation of employment initiatives across sectors at the local level

We are committed to a robust long-term partnership with central government

We need to retain young people in our communities, and they need to see a viable local future for themselves and their families

We recognise the importance of local economic development initiatives

We also recognise that many of the jobs in the future will come from us valuing different things, particularly in the not-for-profit and environmental sectors

We need to pursue longer-term strategies within an overall vision for local social, economic and environmental sustainability

We acknowledge the changing nature of work in our society and recognise the need to investigate new ways of doing things