

upside

**Want to do
even better,
brighter things**

**for young
people in your
community?**


Become an Upside partner and
make a difference where it matters
— in your local community.

why we do what we do

Upside's mission is to support change for Aotearoa's young people who have adverse childhood experiences. We match each rangatahi with an adult mentor who's consistently there for them for a year or more, to be a positive force in their life.

Solid relationships for positive change

To build strong, positive future communities, early intervention is key — that means journeying with young people at this vital time in their lives, while we can make the biggest difference.

Let's build this thing together

As a big-hearted, youth focused organisation with deep roots in your community, you can reach your local young people better than anyone. Using the power of collaboration, we support partner charities like yours to deliver effective youth programmes in your community.



Upside has a 90% success rate, and works alongside your existing programmes.

who you are

Our incredible Upside partners are New Zealand charitable organisations who are accredited, trained and supported to deliver the Upside programme close to home. You'll get the tools, support and aroha you need to deliver our life-brightening programme, complementing the awesome work you're already doing in your community.



New Zealand's rangatahi need YOU!

By teaming up, we can support more young people throughout the country with quality mentoring than either of us could do on our own.

We've got your back

Tailored support and ongoing strategic advice help you at every step, from your first mentor training to weekly facetime calls, as you plan and deliver your first 2-year programme based on Upside's proven practices and research-based approach.

What you bring to the table

You provide a champion from your team who's committed to inspiring change. They'll recruit and train mentors, find young people who could benefit most from the programme, and run fun events for young people and their mentors to attend together.

Partner support helps us cover programme materials, programme management expenses, plus digital and evaluation tools. We offer the programme at cost, to help more organisations come on board, and ask for an investment of \$10,000 to establish the programme for the first 12 months. The ongoing investment is \$7,000 per year.

Sharing the mahi — making a difference.

Each organisation we work with is unique (like a perfect snowflake), but they share these things in common:

Charities — registered with the NZ Commission

Established — at least 5+ years old with funding and volunteers, working with other youth networks, schools and/or social services

Financially sustainable — can support a mentoring programme for 2+ years

All in for rangatahi aged 9–13

On board with Upside's vision and values

Somewhere with a real need for volunteer mentoring

If your organisation ticks these boxes, happy dance!
Let's get to know each other.

how it works

Here's the story of Springboard, one of our amazing Upside partners (since 2009).

Springboard provides holistic family and community-based programmes that create pathways to help at-risk young people.

Springboard's wrap-around services toolkit didn't include a volunteer mentoring programme for rangatahi. They wanted something intervention focussed, and approached Upside to launch an effective programme together.

After some whanaungatanga (getting to know each other) we knew Springboard had what it took to become a partner. And Springboard saw the partnership as a way to get a proven programme off the ground fast.

Since 2009 Springboard has run the Upside programme in Rodney, north of Auckland. Sustainable and effective, the programme supports around 25 young people each year — keeping up a 90%+ success rate.

Springboard is dedicated to brightening the lives of young people like Marama and Logan.

I got suspended [from school]... I was getting into some real trouble. But then once I moved here it was like a different story, and once I got to know Springboard I was like... wow, these people are awesome. I am so grateful for the people in my life and Springboard especially and the people there that helped me out so much. If it wasn't for them I would...be in a bad place right now.” — Marama

“I haven't really had a father figure or anything like that, so I've had no one really to talk to about things, or no one I really trusted. I didn't have any trust for people. Now I'm more open about my feelings cause when you do talk about feelings and what's bothering you, you actually feel better.” — Logan





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how to join

Becoming an Upside partner

While we like to keep things pretty friendly and informal, our partnership journey always follows these scoping, onboarding and launching steps. So we know we're all singing the same waiata.

Scoping



Onboarding



Launch

Let's get to know each other

Our decision makers start talking with yours
Both board Chairs meet up (usually on zoom)

Partnership potential is assessed

Successful applicants sign a Memorandum of Understanding

Observe an Upside mentor training

We set you up on our digital platform for programme data collection

We co-create your 2-year Programme Plan

We take your programme lead through one-on-one training

Start training our mentors

Get ongoing support and guidance from Upside's Partnership Manager

Regular check-ins support your success

Opportunities to collaborate on grant proposals

Keen? Here's how to join us on the Upside

1.



**Read this
info pack**

2.



**Interested?
Share it with
your team.**

3.



**Team keen?
Get in touch**

4.



**We'll organise a
scoping meet up**

5.



**Scoping — korero
over zoom to make
sure we're on the
same page**

6.



**If scoping works
out, you'll come
on board —
howdy partner**

7.



**You start delivering
our programme in
your community**

8.



**We've always got
your back, with
support, resources
and guidance**

meet the locals

Introducing our partners already making
a difference by delivering the Upside
programme in their communities.



“The ongoing support from the team has been really valuable! And being able to share events has been so impactful for our mentors — it’s great for them to know they’re part of something bigger.”
— Chandra, Coast Mentoring

“Springboard has partnered with Upside for over 10 years bringing quality mentoring to our region. Because Springboard offers a wide range of programmes, it is invaluable for us to be connected to an organisation that lives and breathes, eats and sleeps MENTORING. Upside’s connection to relevant research, along with their commitment to reflecting and continually improving practice, flows on to us as partners. This gives us confidence in the service we are providing and lends weight to our collective reputation. The creativity and passion of the Upside team is a key ingredient in our enthusiasm and motivation!”
— Sheralyn, Springboard

Together, we can make young
people's lives brighter.
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