

Meeting the World and Shaping the Future – What is being asked of our generation, in our time? How do we work with innovation of the past, and with creativity for the future? How do we really see each other, and work together with space open for the parts of each of us, which is not yet? These are questions that arose within the group of young people that came to this years Summer Gathering. They are questions which are being asked in similar ways, by countless cultures, in countless countries, and something which will be present in our lives and which must be faced. If not us, who? If not now, when?



Te Ra Waldorf school hosted The Summer Youth Gathering for the second time, and was a wonderful, open and warm place. For the 40 of us, it was a week of creativity, a week of cooking, conversations and ideas. Gorgeous sunshine balanced a few cloudy days - days which were filled with smiles, songs, laughter, and talks. We started the mornings with singing and movement and then enjoyed inspiring input from elders, and had discussion groups for developing themes. Some of these discussion occurred over, under and through the preparation of organic food. Then we filled our afternoons with self-directed initiative from all participants – flax weaving, debates, walks and talks, brain storms, bread baking, mozzarella making, wood work, singing, kapa haka... The evenings wrapped up our full days with contributions and a conversation filled Night Café. It was an event held by a few, but carried by everyone. We talked about spiritual colleagues, which we experience when working and talking together. We talked about taking initiative, and lived this it in the afternoon spaces which started blank, and were filled up each day by participants who brought workshops, discussion groups, ideas and inspiration.

THE NEW KNIGHTHOOD

There is a knighthood of the 21st Century

**Who's riders do not ride through the darkness of physical forests as of old
But through the forest of darkened minds**

**They are armed with a spiritual armour and an inner sun makes them
radiant**

Out of them shines healing

**A healing that flows from the knowledge of the human being as a spiritual
being**

**They must create inner order, inner justice, peace and conviction in the darkness of our time
They must learn to walk side by side with angels.**
Karl Koenig



Our last morning was based around an artistic reflection of the Gathering, and for this we spread 6 meters of joined paper on the ground, surrounded by pastels, paints and crayons. This montage expressed some of the ideas, and was a wonderful way to see what the essence of the group looked like.



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course to all those who participated - for holding an amazing space for 5 days, for putting your energy into the action day, cooking & initiative spaces, your minds into the discussions and your warmth into conversation, sharing of ideas, inspiration and creating of a community.