

SECTOR STORIES: TARANAKI FUTURES

“Young
people who
have four or
more
**employer
interactions**
while at
school are
5 times
less likely
to become
NEET.”

Creating pathways from education to employment is a challenging task. The world of work is complex and changing, and it can be hard for young people to understand what careers are available to them locally.

In Taranaki, there is a group making sure students and businesses connect. [Taranaki Futures](#) was set up to help people make informed career decisions with a clear line of sight from education to employment.

One of their flagship projects is [Accelerator](#) - a successful youth business internship and mentoring programme.

Accelerator helps employers to become involved in the education process by giving them a chance to explain the employment opportunities available in their business.

Students and business mentors get to know each other over the course of the programme and this helps the student to understand the pathway to their chosen career.