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Modern gliding is all about the joy of soaring an engine less aeroplane in gliding flight and successfully using the atmosphere's natural energy to fly higher, further, faster or longer.

Gliding New Zealand, the national gliding organisation, and Gliding Hawkes Bay & Waipukurau Inc are working to promote youth flying.

Flying combines the fun and excitement which young people crave with the fundamental need for self discipline, which when learned, is inevitably carried forward into other aspects of a person's life.

Youth, regardless of their religion, gender or ethnicity, and the community benefit by using the sport of Gliding to inspire and develop young people's imagination, character and self-determination with the excitement and possibilities of flight as a lifelong adventure sport or a fulfilling aviation related career prospect.

This is done with the following aims and objectives:

1. Introducing young minds to the potential of Aviation.

2. Developing self-confidence / motivation / self-discipline and boost self-esteem.

3. Developing more positive teenage relationships with adults.

4. Safely introducing youth to an adventure sport.

5. Enabling youngsters to realise their potential for achievement.

6. Encouraging women into flying as a sport and / or as a career.

7. Inspiring youngsters with technology; bringing mathematics, physics and computing alive.

8. Providing young people an exciting and healthy outdoor alternative activity.

9. Introducing young people to a possible career in:

   Aeronautical / Mechanical Engineering
   Aircraft / Engine Design
   Air Traffic Control
   Airline Piloting
   Adventure Aviation
   Glider Piloting and Engineering

So what are you waiting for? Encourage your youth to learn more about gliding, the weather and the "air pockets" you fly through in powered aircraft and come and join the gliding club.

Further details about the club and learning to glide are on the gliding club website at http://www.glidinghbw.co.nz/