

Extract of student evidence

.....MJ's values include manaakitanga shown in treating others with kindness and care. This value leads to many behaviours within her Project Community. She is inviting and gives practical hospitality like food and making sure that extends to every single person. ...

I value relaxation and personal appearance This means that I buy a lot of clothes and take long showers to relax. ...

The long showers unnecessarily use up a lot of extra hot water. Personal washing consumes around 33% of the water used at home and hot water is the second largest user of domestic energy. Using up extra energy means that more has to be generated and some of that generation (thermal) creates carbon dioxide which is causing environmentally unsustainable climate change.

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The values that GP and MJ hold such as manaakitanga, kaitiakitanga, equity and anti-hierarchy are more likely to lead to a sustainable future. This is because they focus on the well-being of others and how everyone can enjoy resources we have now and in the future. They have been building community, and encouraging participation in democracy to build social and environmental sustainability.

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If we build community networks and be involved in environmental activism such as the Climate Change Project to address climate change, we can adapt to change and prepare for the consequences of climate change such as resettling people who have to move from low-lying areas because of sea-level rise caused by climate change.

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I could still value my appearance but invest more in the clothing I buy by buying clothing produced locally. This produces less carbon dioxide because the clothing travels over a shorter distance and it is also more socially sustainable because it supports workers and their families in New Zealand. This would also contribute to the economic sustainability of the community. If I didn't want to spend extra on my clothes I could buy second hand...reducing the need for new clothing and therefore reduce the water use from e.g. cotton growing, and factories as well as the carbon dioxide from manufacturing and transport....

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