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Yo Bartram

Professional face and body paint artist.

Yolanda (Yo), who is originally from the Netherlands has a degree in fashion design. She moved to Wellington seven years ago and started BodyFX Ltd with her mother Nicole Heydenrijk.

Yo is now preparing to franchise BodyFX to Auckland this year.



Yo's favourite haunts:

For brunch... Fidel's Café on Cuba Street. Cafés like this are non-existent in the Netherlands, with scrumptious food at the counter. This café represents Wellington for Yo, "laid back, great food and non-pretentious people."

For a good coffee... Espressoaholic (Courtenay Place), the place of Yo's first date with her husband Julian. The couple still regularly go to Espressoaholic to chill out and enjoy good coffee or their huge hot chocolates.

For shopping... Far Pavilions, in the James Smith Market and on Victoria Street for clothes that are "just a bit different yet affordable."

For a night out... Circa Theatre on the Taranaki Street Wharf, for a cultural fix. Body FX often helps Circa out with make-up queries so Yo always knows what's on.

For relaxation... Shopping in downtown Wellington in general is relaxation for Yo. She loves how the city keeps on changing with new shops and cafés constantly popping up. Whenever Yo is downtown she tries to stop at Crêpes A GOGO in Manners Mall - "a yummy treat quicksmart," especially with melted dark chocolate.

For indulgence... Imbibe on Cuba Street. Great antipasto platters - Yo could go there every night.

For a bargain... Iko Iko in Cuba Street, a great place for buying presents. Going in "just to have a look," Yo always finds it impossible not to buy anything. The last thing she bought was stick on tattoos for her baby boy.

For free... Walking on the waterfront. On a sunny day it is enjoying Wellington at its best.

With visitors... Te Papa. Yo hosts many friends and family from overseas and believes Te Papa is a great place to introduce them to New Zealand.

With the children... Little Monkeys Adventure Playland on Tory Street. Yo's little girl, almost two, loves it... she can play happily for hours.

"I love downtown Wellington for its size and diversity. The feel of Lambton Quay is completely different to that of Cuba Street, though each is only a 10 minute walk from the other. It's very inspirational." Yo Bartram.

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