

# Pasifika youth participation guide

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### **Absolute Inclusion**

## 1. Effective processes

Have clarity on your purpose and outcomes. Recruit team members as fit for purpose.

#### 2. Sufficient resources

Ensure adequate financial support and man hours. Supply a facilitator skilled at engaging Pasifika youth. Have clear awareness of time requirements. Allow time to connect and engage.

### 3. Mutually clear communication

Use youth appropriate language. Practice unbiased listening. Over-communicate.

## Radical Acceptance

## 4. Organisational readiness

Ensure your current staff have the appropriate attitude, knowledge and skills for working with diverse Pasifika young people. Induct young people to your organizational values and purpose.

## 5. Nurturing the va

Show authentic and respectful engagement. Connect the intergenerational divide. Promote awareness of alofa atu - alofa mai. Engender positive energy and fun.

#### 6. Pastoral care

Provide emotional, cultural and spiritual support and care. Be prepared to go the extra mile. Take a strengths-based approach.

## **Full Participation**

## 7. Shared power

Share goal setting and decision-making. Promote a safe space for free discussion and ideas. Develop a shared group identity.

## 8. Providing meaningful roles

Support opportunities to grow youth capability in their interest areas.

Enhance strengths of young people.

#### 9. Mutual trust

Develop a genuine commitment to each other. Empower each other to do their best.