

Youth Development



To help lower future rates and keep services sustainable, Council is reviewing whether services should stay the same, change, be reduced or stop.

Youth Development helps young people (rangatahi) get involved in their communities, develop leadership skills, and have a say in local decisions. While not a required Council service, it is supported because of the positive benefits it creates for young people and the wider community.

A key part of this work is Te Pae o Rangatahi – Ruapehu Youth Council, which gives young people from across the district the opportunity to represent the views of other rangatahi and provide advice to Council. Council also supports youth engagement, leadership opportunities, and projects led by young people.

Why is Council involved?

Young people are the future of our district. Supporting them to participate in local decision-making helps develop future leaders, builds stronger communities, and ensures Council hears the views of younger generations. Council provides the support, coordination, and resources needed to help young people participate safely and effectively.

Who benefits, and how is it funded?

Young people benefit by gaining leadership experience, confidence, and opportunities to contribute to their community.

The wider community benefits from stronger future leaders and better-informed Council decisions that reflect the views of all generations. Because these benefits are shared across the district, Youth Development is funded through general rates.

Why are we reviewing Youth Development?

Council is not required to do youth development. Council is reviewing this activity to determine whether it should continue to be funded by ratepayers and, if so, at what level.

1. Should Council have a role in supporting youth development?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐

2. Should Council provide opportunities for young people to participate in Council decision-making?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐

3. Should Council have a Youth Council?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐

4. Should Council invest in leadership and skill-building for young people?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐

5. Should Council support youth-led initiatives that align with Council's goals?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐



6. Do you have any other feedback about Youth Development?

7. Where do you live?

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| ☐ Taumarunui | ☐ Ohura | ☐ Ongarue |
| ☐ Owhango | ☐ Waimarino | ☐ Rangataua |
| ☐ Ohakune | ☐ Raetihi | ☐ Waouru |
| ☐ Other | | |