



P.Y.L.A.T

Pacific Youth Leadership And Transformation

PYLAT Council

Charitable Trust

Workshop – ACE Conference 2015

About us

Our Purpose

To encourage and assist Pacific Youth participate democracy

Our Vision

A world informed and influenced by Pacific Youth.



Learning for Democracy

Engaging Youth

1. Why engage with youth?
2. Does our education system actually help youth learn for democracy?
3. Methods of involving youth – lessons from our experiences
4. Pasifika Youth Views

Workshop Outcomes

1. Get our perspective/ideas on how young people can be better engaged to participate in democracy.
2. Learn different types of youth participation that could be helpful for you, or your organisation.
3. Hear about young pacific peoples views on current issues.

Why?



1. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
2. Youth-adult co-decision making is good for the development of adolescents. (Wong et al's, 2010)
3. New innovative ideas.
4. Fill knowledge gaps
5. It's a nice idea

Learning for Democracy?

Is our Education System teaching students
how to engage with Democracy?

Information

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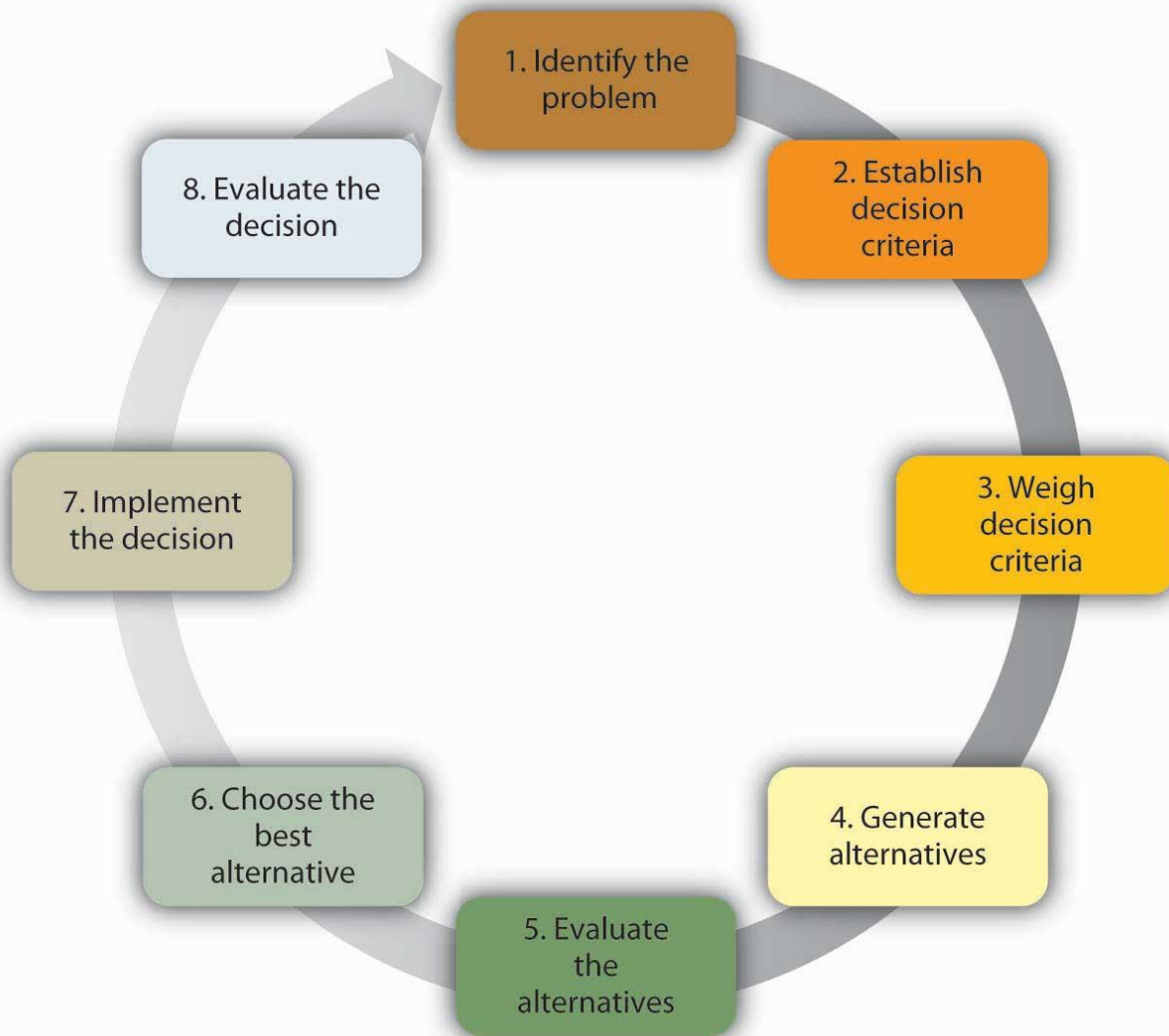
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Decision Making



An idea....



How to increase voter turnout

“Voting is habitual....if you have voted before you are far more likely to vote again”

1. Teach good information and decision making skills.
2. Lower the voting age to 16.
3. Setup voting booths at schools and encourage early voting



Learning for Democracy

Other opportunities for youth to be
involved

What kind of involvement?



1. A single Young Person
2. Joint Youth Reps
3. A Youth Group
4. An established Youth Organisation

What kind of involvement?



A single Young Person

1. Succession planning, you want this individual to play a major role in the future and are happy with their current skill level.
2. You can provide an environment where this youth feels comfortable to contribute.
3. You want an opinion rather than representation.

What kind of representation?



Joint Youth Reps

1. You aren't after a specific person, you just want some youth feedback during your meeting/operations.
2. You're meetings or other members are a bit formal.
3. You have small activities you would like the youth to do. Eg. Make a youtube channel.

What kind of representation?



Youth Group

1. You have multiple large projects/events that you would like youth involvement with.
2. You have multiple boards/groups you would like youth involvement with.
3. You have appropriate resource for the group.

What kind of representation?



An established Youth Organisation

1. You want views and opinions with more 'weight'.
2. You don't have resource to fund a full group yourself.
3. You need a youth rep at every meeting regardless of who.

You are in charge of setting up the Flag referendum for the government and you want young New Zealanders across the country to be engaged and participate, What do you do?





Pacific Youth Opinions Results from iSPEAK

iSPEAK



- 12 Seminars being delivered over 2.5 years.
- Important issues are discussed. The PYLAT Council writes the opinions into formal submissions.
- Ensures that Pacific Youth are participating in important decision making.
- Open to all Pacific Youth.

NZ Constitutional Review – Jul 2013



Participants strongly support...

1. The Treaty of Waitangi being formally written into the constitution
2. Maori should continue to have their own seats in parliament
3. Maori having their own seats in local government

The Living Wage Campaign – Aug 2013



Participants thought

1. That the living Wage should be adopted by all employers
2. A 'Living Wage' would create an expectation for pacific people to give more money at church.

Chch Local Body Elections – Oct 2013



Participants thought...

1. Did not think there should be a Pacific seat on the Christchurch City Council
2. Were not put off Christchurch because of the earthquakes.
3. Were not sure how many opportunities there for Pacific people in Christchurch, in terms of business, entertainment and recreation post-quake.

Referenda, Asset Sales and the Select Committees – Nov 2013



Participants thought...

1. Did not believe Referenda should be binding on the govt.
2. Support the government selling up to 49% of Meridian Energy, Mighty River Power, Genesis Energy, Solid Energy and Air New Zealand.
3. The Select Committee Process is exclusive and has been created so only those in white collar jobs are able to submit, excluding Pasifika peoples and youth.

Deep Sea Oil Drilling– Jan 2014

Participants thought...

1. Strongly encouraged the government develop clean renewable sources of energy over oil drilling.
2. That even if it would take 10 times longer for clean renewable energy to produce the same financial benefits of New Zealand it would be worth it.
3. That the governments 'rigorous process's' to ensure that we do not have an oil spill could not be trusted.

Schools Education - Feb 2014

Participants thought

1. One stop shops for decile 1 - 4 schools will increase academic success for students.
2. The development of teachers and principals will not increase the academic success for students.
3. The quality of teachers significantly matters to academic success.

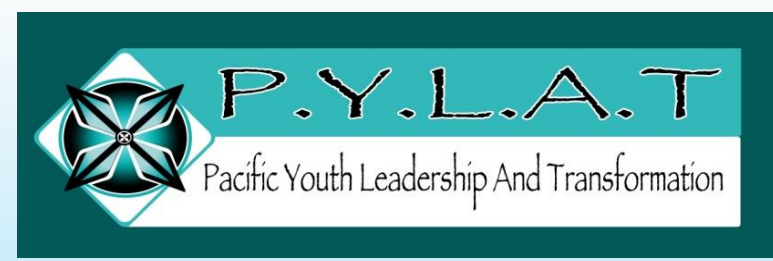
RE and Sex Ed – May 2014



Participants though...

1. School clinics who support pupils with their sexual health should not inform the parents.
2. Sexual education should be compulsory for all students in NZ.
3. Only offering Christian teaching in public schools is discriminating against other religions

Justice System – Jan 2015



Participants thought

1. It may stop criminals committing small crime if they knew they would get a harsher penalty but they need more info
2. Thought it may be appropriate for parents to be held legally responsible for their minor's actions but they need more info.
3. Prisoners should have to maintain & clean their own prisons as well as work 40 hour weeks

ISIL – Apr 2015



Participants though...

1. NZ shouldn't be involved with ISIL
2. Parliament should decide on whether we go to war, not just the Ministers.
3. NZ should prioritise issues in the Pacific over issues from around the world.

Trans-Pacific Partnership – Jun 2015



Participants thought...

We need more info from the govt to have an informed view on the TPP



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Presentation

A final piece of
advice.....



Avoid the D Word



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