



Young
Pasifika
Wayfinders

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OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE YOUNG PASIFIKA WAYFINDERS!

WHO ARE WE? Young Pasifika Wayfinders (YPW) is a Pacific adolescent boys advisory group inspiring all youth to make our voices heard and co-create solutions. Together we can challenge stereotypes and redefine masculinity for an equitable moana that inspires all youth to make their voices heard and co-create solutions.

WHY ARE WE RECRUITING? We are expanding our membership for the second phase of Young Pasifika Wayfinders (July 2026- December 2027).

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF MEMBERS? YPW members act as adolescent advisors for UNICEF across the Pacific. We advocate and raise awareness on issues which affect Pacific adolescents and youth such as: Mental health, gender equality, male ally work (to support gender equality movements and Pacific social justice issues), bullying prevention & online safety, early pregnancy, substance misuse. We collaborate with other Pacific adolescent organisations and youth initiatives.

WHO SHOULD APPLY? You must be aged 15-19 years old to apply.

- You must be from one of the UNICEF Pacific Islands countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
- Boys living with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply. UNICEF will provide full support and assistance to ensure your participation both online and offline, including accessibility accommodations.

WHAT IS THE COMMITMENT? You must be willing and ready to commit to the Young Pasifika Wayfinders membership for a minimum 18 months commitment (July 2026 - December 2027).

- Between 5-6 hours a month of engagement with UNICEF activities, tasks and meetings.
- Sign the YPW Code of Conduct and promote the core values, motto and mission of the group.
- Attending monthly online group meetings
- Participation in national or regional youth events
- Participation in YPW group workshops in the Pacific. These are usually 7 days, in-person workshops which may require international travel. ([Click here to watch a Behind The Scenes video of our workshops!](#))
- Contribute to the YPW workplan, take on focal point roles and complete agreed tasks.
- You will be available to join the first in-person workshop between the 11th- 25th July 2026.

WHAT IS PROVIDED?

- UNICEF covers the costs of members to participate in YPW events, meetings and workshops. This includes all travel, accommodation, meals, transport, flights and visa fees.
- This role is voluntary and not a paid job.
- Members receive training and mentoring from regional Pacific experts on youth advocacy and public speaking.
- Accessibility needs will be supported to ensure youth with disabilities can fully benefit from these opportunities
- Members get to participate in workshops on topics such as: mental health, self-esteem, bullying prevention, digital online safety, youth advocacy, role models, social media, education, gender equality, bystander intervention, healthy relationships and more!

CLICK HERE IF YOU WANT TO APPLY - COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

Applications are open from the 15th - 30th April 2026

(parental/guardian consent will be requested for all applicants under the age of 18 who are shortlisted)

More information on the Young Pasifika Wayfinders

- In 2025, UNICEF launched the Young Pasifika Wayfinders. It is a platform for meaningful participation and engagement of boys by involving them in UNICEF's programme design, campaigns and advocacy work. Members help UNICEF tackle any new, rising youth issues in the Pacific, such as climate change, rising HIV cases, adolescent mental health, gender equality, GBV and the drug use crisis. YPW members inspire youth to get involved in advocacy and raise awareness on key issues which affect them. They run consultations with their peers, adolescents and collaborate with Pacific girls and other youth movements. [Click this link to watch a video about our programme!](#)

Examples of activities, roles and responsibilities with Young Pasifika Wayfinders:

- Developing creative advocacy messages for Pacific teens.
- Co-design new educational modules for the Pacific website "Seek The Ways"
- Codesigning youth social media campaign blog/vlog/post on youth topics
- Public speaking opportunities at local or national youth events in your country.
- Collaborate with other Pacific adolescent and youth organisations in your country or region (e.g. Pacific Girl Reference Group).
- Facilitate and organise UNICEF adolescent/youth consultations, feedback discussions, surveys in your country.
- Raise awareness on U Report Activations.
- Create social media content and advocacy promoting positive Pacific masculinity role models for boys.

PARENTAL CONSENT: All participants under 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian/chaperone for international travel and events. UNICEF will provide a safeguarding induction and orientation for parents/guardians of Young Pasifika Wayfinders.