



**PACIFIC YOUTH
PARTICIPATION** 

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Youth Participation Is Not A New Concept

 Clubs/Associations

 Communities/Families

 Organisations/Services






 **Church/Cultural Environments**

 Bible

✧ What is Youth Participation? ✧






✧ **Youth Participation** is when we effectively involve young people in all areas of our society, family, school, workplace, place of worship, social group and wider community. *MSD-Ministry of Youth Affairs, 2002*

Youth Participation

-  **Policy and Programme Development**
-  **Having a say about what is done**
-  **Being involved in decisions about what is being done**
-  **Being informed**
-  **Having an effect on outcomes**

Ladder of Youth Participation

Sociologist: Roger Hart (1997)

-  **Youth-Initiated, shared decisions with adults**
-  **Youth-Initiated and Directed**
-  **Adult-Initiated, shared decisions with young people**
-  **Consulted and Informed**
-  **Assigned but Informed**

✧ Why is it important for Pacific
Youth to Participate? ✧

✧ What are the benefits? ✧

Things to consider when involving Pacific young people?



Adequate resources



Training and skills development







Acknowledgement of work




Family support

Rap Up

-  **Support and advocate for Pacific youth participation**
-  **Working together**
-  **Identified what Youth participation is**
-  **Common youth participation model**
-  **Benefits of Pacific youth participation**
-  **Development of a Pacific Youth Participation Model?**

Kofi Annan

 **A society that cuts off from it's
youth, severs its lifeline**