

2011

# “Resilient Communities: A Pacific Youth Perspective”

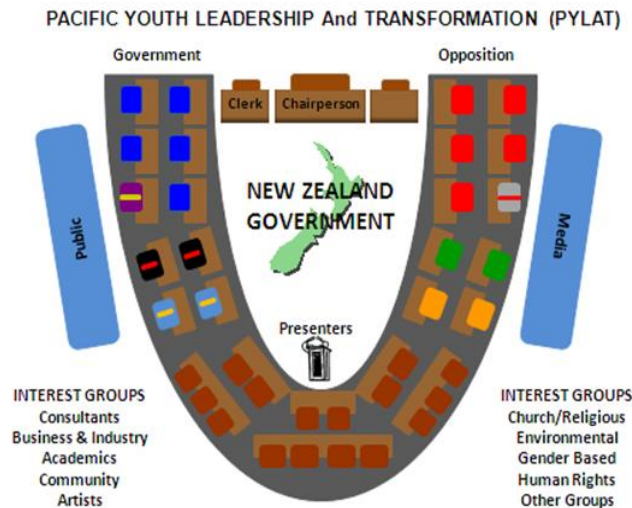
## APPLICATION FORM

14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2011

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## OVERVIEW



Pacific Youth Leadership and Transformation (PYLAT) is a project to identify and nurture Pacific youth leadership in Canterbury.

The centrepiece of the project involves a simulation of the New Zealand parliament. Youth/students take on roles such as, government ministers, members of parliament, speaker/chairperson, civil servants, consultants, journalists, lobbyists, event organisers, public relations officer, interest group representatives (churches, women, business, environment, arts & culture, human rights, ethnic groups etc).

The programme is designed to immerse youth/students in real life situations, to enhance their aptitude at problem solving, and to improve leadership skills.

Approximately 80 students/youth are selected from secondary schools, tertiary institutions, the workforce, and youth groups to take part in the event.

PYLAT attracts participation by young people with diverging interests including, social issues, economy development, the environment, the sciences, statistics, politics, diplomacy, health, education, the trades, religion, engineering, tourism, finance, culture and the arts, language, history, human rights, journalism, event management, etc.

Positions Available	Parliamentarians GROUP 1
8	New Zealand Prime Minister
	Minister of Education
	Minister of Social Development
	Minister of Finance and Economic Development
	Minister of Health
	Minister of Maori Affairs
	Minister of Pacific Island Affairs
	Minister of Housing
	Minister of Labour

	Other
7	Leader of the Opposition
	Opposition spokesperson on Education
	Opposition spokesperson on Social Development and Employment
	Opposition spokesperson on Economic Development and Finance
	Opposition spokesperson on Health
	Opposition spokesperson on Communications and Information Technology
	Opposition spokesperson on Maori and Pacific Affairs
	Other
15	<b>Private Secretary</b> (Advisor to a Parliamentarian)
8	<b>Chief Executives</b> (Senior Public Servants)
	Ministry of Education
	Ministry of Social Development
	Ministry of Economic Development
	Ministry of Health
	Department of Internal Affairs
	Department of Labour
	Statistics New Zealand
	Creative New Zealand
	Other
1	Public Relations Officer
1	Chairperson
1	Rapporteur (assistant to the Chairperson)
4	Members of the drafting committee: PYLAT Communiqué
2	Forum Clerk (takes minutes, records and carries other administrative responsibilities)

Representatives from the Interest Groups are expected to write up a draft presentation paper and this is due on Orientation Day 2.

Positions Available	Interest Groups GROUP 2
5	Lobbyists Eg: Non-Government Organisations, Cancer Society, Disability groups, etc
3	Business Industry Leaders Eg: Agriculture, Tourism, Forestry, Fisheries, Manufacturing, etc.
2	Artists Eg: Musicians, visual artists, writers, etc.
2	Consultants Eg: Business, IT, Engineering, Marine etc.
3	Academics Eg: Research, Education, Linguistics, Health, Science, etc.
3	Community Eg: Samoan, Cook Island Maori, Tongan, Fijian, Niuean, etc.
3	Religious Group
(This group is not required to present a paper)	
7	Journalists/Media
6	Event Management Team

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Ideally, applicants for PYLAT will be youth between the ages of 14-24 years currently residing in Christchurch. However, *all applicants will be considered at the discretion of the PYLAT selection committee.* Any person under the age of 16 years who is selected, will need to provide parental/guardian consent. This will be arranged at the time of selection notification.

### Education and Experience

Demonstration of leadership potential will be the primary consideration for selection. While academic achievement is desirable, successful applicants will not be judged solely on their academic success.

It will be advantageous for applicants to be involved in community activities and/or to have some work experience. However, while these are valuable, they are not necessary attributes.

The PYLAT steering group will work with schools and tertiary institutions to ensure that the contributions of participants to PYLAT are appropriately accredited. NCEA credits for school students and course credits for tertiary students will be negotiated with the appropriate authorities.

### Personal attributes

- Applicants will have demonstrated capacity for leadership
- Good interpersonal skills
- The ability to work as an individual and within a team
- A willingness to participate in a challenging week long environment
- A genuine interest of local, regional, national and international affairs, and
- Ideas about community development.

### The Process – Key Dates

To participate in PYLAT 2011, you must complete the attached application form. Due date: **Friday 4 February 2011.**

Successful applicants will be notified by telephone to attend an interview.

Successful applicants will be required to attend **three Saturday training** sessions (28<sup>th</sup> February, 26 March, and 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2011) for orientation.

Applicants who secure a lobbyist role in PYLAT will be required to prepare a submission. Draft submissions are due on **Saturday 2 April 2011.** Lobbyists will present their submissions to the PYLAT parliamentarians on the first two days of PYLAT week (14-15 April, 2011).

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENT

1) Research the parliamentary position you are interested in. Please note there are two areas you can choose from (See pages 2 & 3)

- ◆ Parliamentarians, Private Secretaries (advisors to parliamentarians) and Chief Executives for the various government departments
- ◆ Lobbyists and journalists. Lobbyists are the people that present issues to the Parliamentarians.. and presenting information to the public

2) Please provide a **covering letter** (no longer than 1 page) that answers the following questions:

- ◆ Why do you want to participate in PYLAT 2011?
- ◆ Why are you applying for the position/s you have chosen?
- ◆ Describe where you have used your leadership skills.

3) Please provide a **CV** (no longer than three pages) that includes the following:

- ◆ Skills
- ◆ Background of education & professional development
- ◆ Background of work experience, including community involvement
- ◆ General interests and hobbies
- ◆ Career aspirations

4) Return application by Friday 4 February 2011

Return your application to:

PYLAT 2011

C/- Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs

224 Cashel Street

PO Box 3740

Christchurch 8140

**OR**

Email: [robert.nicole@mpia.govt.nz](mailto:robert.nicole@mpia.govt.nz)

For more information visit [www.facebook.com/pylatprogram](http://www.facebook.com/pylatprogram) or write to [pylat2011@gmail.com](mailto:pylat2011@gmail.com)



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## APPLICATION FORM

Please have this application form accompany your CV & covering letter

### Personal Information

<b>FULL NAME:</b>	<b>Preferred Name:</b>		
	<b>Female</b>		<b>Male</b>
<b>Address:</b>	<b>Contact Telephone:</b>		
	<b>Mobile Number:</b>		
<b>Email:</b>			
<b>Date of Birth:</b> /     /	<b>Ethnicity</b>		

**Are you willing to be part of an 8-10 month process?**

*(This may include career planning, mentoring, work exposure/experience with an organisation)*

Yes

No

**Do you agree to participate in video footage and photos being taken throughout PYLAT 2011 be used for future PYLAT purposes?**

*(This may include promotional and marketing material)*

Yes

No

**Please prioritise your preferred three positions you would like to fulfil during PYLAT 2011**

*(see page 2 & 3 to choose from)*

1) .....

2) .....

3) .....

**Signature:** .....

**Date:** .....