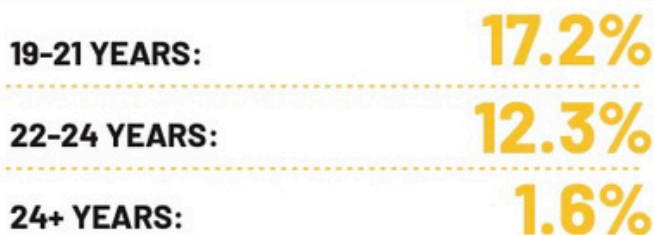
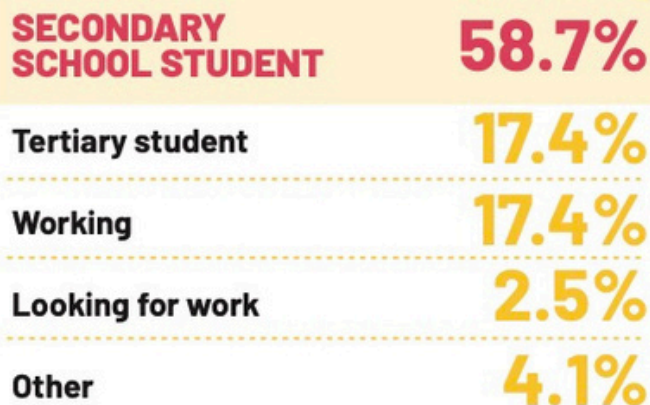


### AGE BREAKDOWN



### WHICH BEST DESCRIBES YOU?



### HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT YOUTHFEST?



### WHAT ARE YOUR FAVOURITE PARTS OF YOUTHFEST?



## WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE MORE OF NEXT TIME?



## THINGS WE COULD IMPROVE - SUGGESTIONS & QUOTES



**MORE SPORTS**

**58.2%**

More music

**56.6%**

Creative workshops

**28.7%**

Competitions/prizes

**26.2%**

Gaming/esports

**20.5%**

Careers/employment opportunities

**17.2%**

Mental wellbeing activities

**16.4%**

Guest speakers

**13.1%**

Cultural activities

**11.5%**

Other

**1.6%**

**Nothing, it was awesome, Keep the same energy.**

**37.5%**

**Make it a full weekend; start earlier; run into the evening.**

**16.1%**

**Night market feel with lights; bigger prizes (e-scooters); more "finale" vibes.**

**15.2%**

**More youth performers; louder announcement system; more bands.**

**14.3%**

**Physical schedule boards; better transport from outer areas (Katikati/Te Puke); more social media info.**

**10.7%**

**More food stalls; more shade/shelter; more sitting spaces.**

**8.9%**

**Creative workshops (art/ dance); gaming/eSports; more careers/training stalls.**

**8%**



### WOULD YOU JOIN FREE OR LOW-COST YOUTH PROGRAMMES OR ACTIVITIES?



**YES** 66.7%

**Maybe** 25%

**No** 8.3%

### WHAT ACTIVITIES WOULD INTEREST YOU MOST?



**SOCIAL SPORTS LEAGUES** 51.7%



**Strength/gym training** 48.3%

**Speed and conditioning** 45.8%

**Mental skills/confidence** 44.9%

**Outdoor adventures** 42.4%

**Cooking** 41.5%

**Nutrition and healthy eating** 42.4%

**Budgeting/money skills** 39%

**Leadership and identity workshops** 34.7%

**Flexibility/mobility** 33.1%

**Other** 6.8%

### WHAT STOPS YOUNG PEOPLE FROM GETTING INVOLVED?



**COST** 54.6%

**Not knowing what's available** 51.3%

**Anxiety/confidence** 42%

**Transport** 39.5%

**Fear of judgement** 30.3%

**Lack of motivation** 29.4%

**Time** 27.7%

**Other** 3.4%



## WHAT TOPICS SHOULD YOUTH VOICES ACTION FOCUS ON MORE?

**MENTAL HEALTH**

**52.5%**

Cost of living

**47.5%**

Fitness/wellbeing

**45.8%**

Careers/jobs

**41.7%**

Creative arts/music

**35.8%**

Community events

**35.8%**

Scholarships/opportunities

**34.2%**

Financial literacy

**33.3%**

Identity/culture

**25.8%**

Local issues/politics

**17.5%**

Relationships

**12.5%**

Justice/legal issues

**11.7%**

Other

**1.7%**

## WHEN YOU NEED HELP OR SUPPORT, WHERE DO YOU USUALLY GO FIRST?

**FRIENDS**

**52.5%**

Family/whānau

**40.8%**

I usually deal with things myself

**30.8%**

School counsellor/teacher

**28.3%**

Social media/online

**17.5%**

Youth worker/ community organisation

**15%**

Health services

**5.8%**

Other

**1.7%**

## WHAT WOULD MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN TAURANGA?

"More free events where we can hang out safely without everything costing money."

"More youth-led events, because we actually know what gets us interested."

"Cheaper food and activities would take pressure off young people."

"Better transport so people from the Mount and Papamoa can actually get there."

"A few more safe night-time activities would give us something positive to do."



## FEEDBACK FROM VARIOUS PEOPLE INVOLVED WITH YOUTHFEST.



### PHILIP BROWN, AUDIO SOLUTIONZ:

"What a good day on Sunday! It was great weather, and looked like we had a good crowd throughout the day. The bands all did a great job as well and were all keen to make it happen without any issues."

### STELLA RILEY, PERFORMER:

"Thank you so much for the opportunity to perform at Youthfest!"

### TONI DE RIJK, STEAM-ED:

"Thanks for fitting us in! It was great to be part of YVA's wonderful event for our first time."

### NICKI TURNER, VOLUNTEER SERVICES:

"We loved being part of YouthFest again this year and supporting the worthwhile mahi YVA do. It was awesome to see so many of our youth involved in the running of the event and the local musicians that took part were fantastic. Congratulations to you and the whole YVA team. Looking forward to joining you all again for FluroFest 26!"

### FLAMES OF PLENTY:

"Many thanks for having Flames of Plenty at your event, bringing our bubbles and entertainment, we love adding to the joy at your events. It is wonderful to see a strong team of young people come together to showcase your skills and talents, not just the performers, but every one of you that co create such an awesome event. We look forward to seeing all the photos and videos of the action! See you next time at FluroFest!"

### RAY FREEMAN, PROTECH:

"Thanks Ben, another year in the books blessed by great weather and turnout. Congrats to you, Erika and team on another great event."

### NEIL ALTON, GRAEME DINGLE FOUNDATION:

"Well done to you and the team. Great event, which GDF really enjoyed being part of."

### MELANIE KOEHLER, TE MANU TOROA:

"Ngā mihi nui once again from all of us for organising such an incredible Kaupapa. The mahi, dedication, and effort that you and your team put into bringing everything together is truly appreciated. We thoroughly enjoyed being part of the event. We're already looking forward to being involved in FluroFest again this year."

### ERI HENDERSON, MANAGER OF ELEMENTS:

"What an amazing event it was. Sound set up was great. A bigger stage next time and the drums elevated would be amazing (as some bands had 6 and that was quite a squeeze and from the audience we couldn't see the drums at all)."

### ANMEA HOSKIN, PHOTOBOOTH LADY:

"Thanks so much Ben and the Team! It looks like the photobooth was busy and Sasha said it was a really fun vibe. Well done to everyone involved. It's so cool seeing events like this grow every year and people getting behind it."

### ANDREA, ANDREA FACE PAINTING:

"Thank you for having me on this awesome festival! It was great seeing so many young adults, youths, connecting and enjoying the day. Music was awesome!"

### DHAIVAT MEHTA, THIRD CULTURE FILM FESTIVAL:

"Cheers for the opportunity yesterday and having us at YouthFest... It was an awesome afternoon with some great musical talent."

### KAWANA MARSDEN, NZ BLUE LIGHT / POLICE BRANCH:

"We want to extend our gratitude for setting up this awesome event. The feedback from the committee was very positive and we hope to be part of things like this more often in Tauranga. We had engaged with approximately 60 youth and parents for about 10 minutes each. We were able to share how we work with the community, we had positive interactions between police and youth, and we were able to provide fun for the kids."



### A WORD FROM SOME OF THE YOUNG VOLUNTEERS

#### INSTEP STUDENT - PRIORITY ONE

"I had a great time at youth fest the other weekend!!!

We ended up going around to different people and interviewed them about what they were doing in the different stalls and we also interviewed the artists after their performances and stuff like that. They ended up giving us hoodies to show and represent who we were which was pretty cool, we got to keep them too."



#### INSTEP STUDENT - PRIORITY ONE

"Youthfest 2026 did not fail to bring vibrance, festivity and liveliness to the bay.

I was instantly welcomed with complimentary music upon my arrival, signifying the presence of youth and productivity! The opportunity to witness the talent of individuals who performed gives me hope of connectedness within the Youth of Tauranga and it sparked exploration within my own hobbies and interest.

The warmth and community really held together the overall atmosphere of the function.

I wish for more events like Youthfest that encourage our generation to socialise and get together openly as it's very rare in today's day and age."

