



# FOREST & BIRD YOUTH MEMBERSHIP PACK

REGIONAL AND NATIONWIDE HUBS | CONSERVATION PROJECTS |  
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT | ADVOCACY & PROJECT  
MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE | MENTORING | COMMUNITY | FUN



# **WE'RE A GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE FIGHTING FOR OUR FUTURE**

The world faces many environmental challenges right now. It can be easy to feel disempowered in the face of the climate and biodiversity crises facing us. But we know young people want to take action and can make a difference.

## **WHO ARE WE?**

Forest & Bird Youth is a nationwide network of young people (aged 14-25) who are protecting and restoring Aotearoa's wildlife and wild places. We're also up-skilling ourselves and building our leadership abilities. From tree plantings and beach cleanups, to public campaigns and lobbying decision-makers to act for Nature, there is something for everyone.

## **Will you join us?**

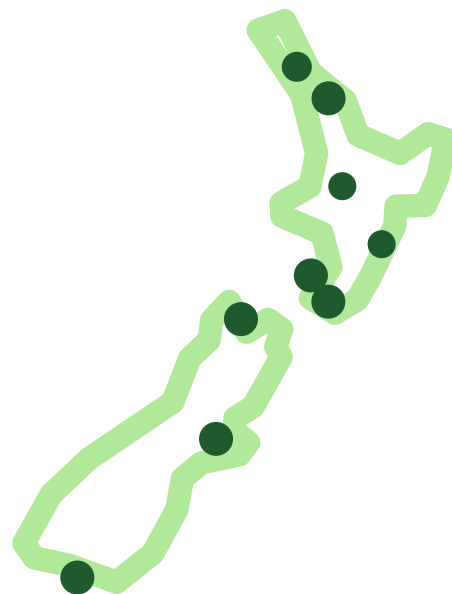
# HOW DOES IT WORK?

Forest & Bird Youth is run **by young people, for young people**, with the support of Forest & Bird staff.

Our National Network is made up of **Forest & Bird Youth Hubs** located around Aotearoa (see the map) and **virtual nationwide Hubs** (e.g. our **Campaigns Hub** and **Social Media Hub**). We also have a National Leadership team.

Some Hubs meet up **in person** and contribute their time to running events or to local conservation projects. Others meet **online** to discuss environmental issues or run advocacy campaigns.

You can be involved in as many Hubs as you like and new Hubs can be formed around any interest area. **You can choose how you want to participate** - whether it's attending events, engaging online, running new events or projects, or getting involved in leadership roles.



We currently have hubs in Northland, Auckland, Hawkes Bay, Kāpiti, Wellington, Nelson, Christchurch, and Southern (Southland).

## WHY JOIN F&B YOUTH?



### ***Help protect Papatūānuku***

Protect and restore nature by volunteering at Hub events or projects (like tree plantings, beach clean ups, trapping or monitoring).



### ***A community of like minded people***

Connect with other youth members and leaders across Aotearoa, online or in person.



### ***Access to Forest & Bird Events***

Opportunities to attend events including Youth hui, webinars and Conferences.



### ***Skills & career development***

Gain skills and experience in practical conservation, campaigning and advocacy, social media and communications and/or project management.



### ***Resilience, active hope & wellness support***

Capability building around how to remain hopeful and maintain your health & wellbeing as a young environmentalist



### ***Mentorship and knowledge sharing***

Learn from inspiring intergenerational leaders, conservation experts and change makers



### **Leadership opportunities**

Leadership development pathways and opportunities to develop your inner leader. Looks great on your CV!



### ***Free magazines***

Forest & Bird's magazines highlight environmental issues and inspiring stories across Aotearoa. Receive all four each year.

# BENEFITS UNIQUE TO F&B YOUTH



Be part of NZ's leading independent conservation organisation. Forest & Bird is a registered charity that has been protecting and restoring nature across Aotearoa for nearly 100 years.



Access to experienced mentors and professional staff who can offer advice in areas such as practical conservation projects, campaigning & advocacy, fundraising, communications and more.



Dedicated F&B Youth Network funds which can contribute to projects throughout the year.



Skills development, leadership and mentoring opportunities to support your unique life journey.

## HEAR FROM OUR MEMBERS

*"I felt empowered, trusted and supported through the process which gave me confidence in my abilities as a youth leader." - Sian Moffitt*



*"F&B Youth has connected me with a network of inspiring and motivated young people. F&B Youth has given me opportunities to build my skills and leadership capacity; I've met experienced professionals and politicians, and have had my horizons expanded in more ways than I could imagine." - Kaya Freeman*



*"F&B Youth has provided me with connections and resources to make a positive environmental difference. Through F&B Youth, I've been able to meet ministers, build friendships and ultimately drive the environmental change I want to see in Aotearoa." - George Hobson*



*"F&B Youth has given me the tools to give back to my community. Taking a leadership role would have never been something I'd have the confidence to do if I hadn't joined Forest & Bird Youth. I feel so much more passionate, driven and centred as a person." - Gemma Marnane*



## PROJECTS MEMBERS HAVE LEAD



### Scorecard for Nature - 2020 General Election

F&B Youth Campaigns Hub ran a Vote for Nature campaign during the 2020 General Election, creating Scorecards that rated the policies of each political party. The campaign captured attention around NZ.



### Social media How-to-Guide for Youth

F&B Youth Comms team delivered a social media vision and How-to Guide with mentorship from Forest & Bird staff.



### Local Council partnerships

F&B Youth's Auckland Hub collaborated with Auckland Council to plant 20,000 trees at Hoskings Reserve in Albany. That's just the start of our plans!



### Beach clean ups, trappings, plantings

At F&B Youth we love getting stuck in - we plan and run multiple conservation events across Aotearoa annually.



# THE MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE



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Resilience, active  
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support



Mentorship and  
knowledge  
sharing



Leadership  
opportunities



Free  
magazines

CONTRIBUTION TO NETWORK: \$45 PER YEAR

*If price is a barrier for you or someone you know, please contact [b.little@forestandbird.org.nz](mailto:b.little@forestandbird.org.nz) to ask about any sponsorship options available in your area*

## READY TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT?

It's simple!

### 1. SIGN UP ONLINE

Visit [our website](http://www.forestandbird.org.nz/our-community/forest-bird-youth) to sign up!  
You can select which F&B  
Youth Hub(s) you'd like to join  
(or we can connect you to your  
closest one).



[www.forestandbird.org.nz/our-community/forest-bird-youth](http://www.forestandbird.org.nz/our-community/forest-bird-youth)

### 2. WE'LL BE IN TOUCH

We'll email you with more info  
about how to get involved. You'll  
receive an invitation to join the  
F&B Youth Facebook group and  
participate in an upcoming event.  
You'll hear from your chosen  
Hub(s) and receive the F&B  
Youth National Newsletter.



### 3. GET INVOLVED!



Get involved with fun and rewarding Youth-led projects to help Aotearoa's environment thrive and enjoy all the benefits of F&B Youth Membership.

Head along to an environmental restoration or protection event near you. Join an online event or training session. Support a campaign or lead a new project. The choice is yours!

Visit [www.forestandbird.org.nz/ourcommunity/forest-bird-youth](http://www.forestandbird.org.nz/ourcommunity/forest-bird-youth)  
to sign up or find out more

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