As part of the NNZ Youth Engagement and Retention Strategy, implementing systems and tools to gather youth voice is integral. Embedding a culture in our Netball system that puts Youth at the centre of decision making and providing leadership opportunities is a key objective of the Strategy.

Youth Advisory Groups (YAG’s) will be a part of the Sport New Zealand Women and Girls Activation Fund Programme over the next 3 years to guide the innovation and delivery of the Fast5 Centre Competition Innovation Project. Youth Voice is a part of the Netball Leaders programme.

Netball New Zealand have also started the process of youth co-designing the NNZ Youth Advisory Group structure and purpose alongside Bernice Mene (NNZ Board Member), Irene Van Dyk (Central Zone Youth Lead) and Emma Goodard (Mainland Youth Advisory Group Intern).

**WHO**

- **Georgia Trent**
  Dunedin Netball Centre

- **Maddison Oliver-Coffey**
  Hamilton Netball Centre

- **Daphne Martinez**
  Wellington Netball Centre

- **Olivia Lewis**
  Christchurch Netball Centre

- **Braden Sycamore**
  Gisborne Netball Centre

- **Vika Koloto**
  Auckland Netball Centre
CHAPTER ONE – THE BEGINNING OF THE JOURNEY

**Identify**
Local Youth from current YAG’s or Youth roles are identified and invited to become a part of the National YAG that will set up the name, purpose, structure and roles of the NNZ YAG.

**Connect**
Using conference calls on Microsoft teams to start connecting as a group, sharing their Netball experiences and building the relationships

**Develop**
- Name the NNZ YAG
- Identify the key vision and purpose for the NNZ YAG
- Guidelines that encourage all voices to be heard and innovative collaboration

**Understand**
- Understand the NNZ Board Matrix and skill sets required.
- Identify a skill set or area of interest

**Mentor**
- Link with a Board Member at their local Centre to learn what role they have and how they contribute to their Board
- Sharing and Building
- Establish the roles and responsibilities of the group

**Sharing**
Share with the group the learnings from connecting with local Board Member’s.

**Project**
Identify a current need from insights and evidence that lays the foundation for the first NNZ YAG Project

**Communication**
Share the champions of Youth Netball and their stories in a way that connects with local communities and Youth.

**Reflect**
Reflect, learn and plan next steps