



# Youth Participation *'What Works'*

**‘Participation is a process  
where someone  
influences decisions  
about their lives and this  
leads to change’.**

*Treseder (1997)*

# Drivers For Youth Participation

- Statutory / Legal obligations
- Good business sense / Value for money
- Good for children and young people /  
Community

# Core Principles For Real and Meaningful Participation

- Listen to CYP uninhibited by their age or your age
- Consider participation as a continuing part of core business, not an event
- Be clear about the achievements of participation
- Weave the involvement of CYP into the culture of your organisation and wider society

# Process for Developing Participation

## Stage 1

- Sign up to principles of participation at Senior Management Level
- Shared and transparent vision across organisation / strategic partnership

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## Stage 2

- Self assessment – what's happening now to inform action
- Identify challenges (SWOT analysis)

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## Stage 3

- Develop strategic action plan (informed by best practice), include methods for monitoring, evaluation and participation
- Pooling of resources
- Develop partnership/ joined up working

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## Stage 4

- Adoption of standards?
- Ongoing review, learning and feedback

# Localised Impact Example

What

Why

Impact



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