



Youth Participation ***‘What Works’***

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

Treseder (1997)



**Children's Rights Alliance
for England**



Drivers For Youth Participation

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

Participation 'Tipping Point'



‘How do we ensure a focus on listening to children and young people is retained locally and nationally?’

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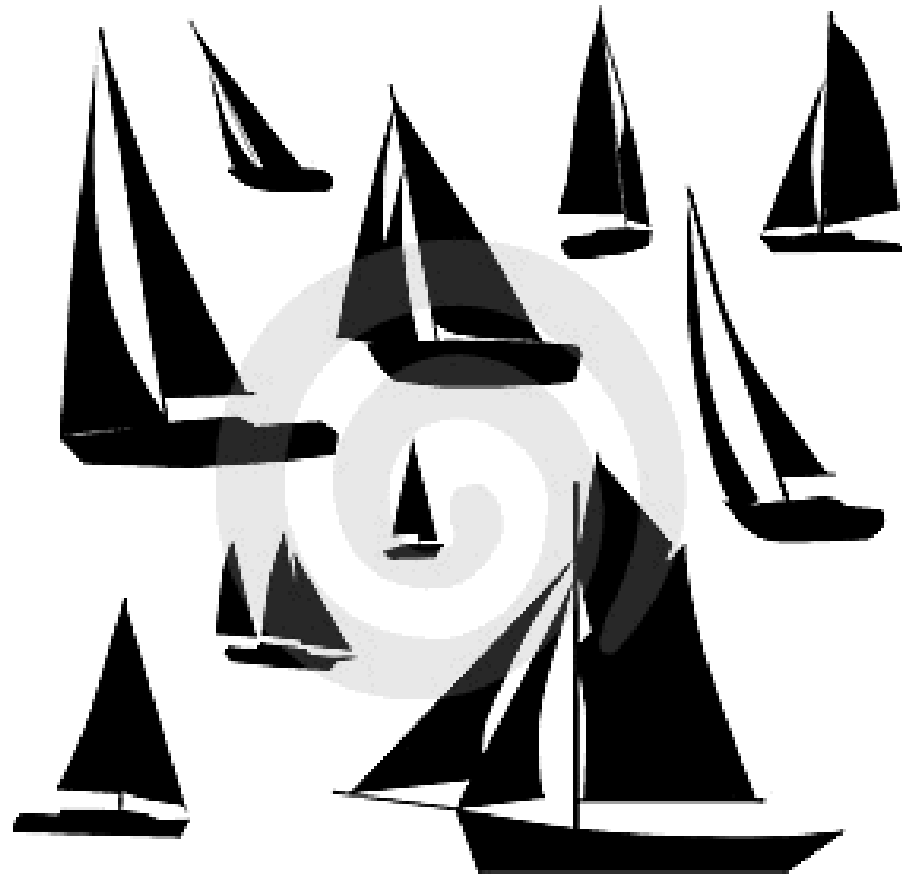
Core Principles For Real and Meaningful Participation

- Listen to CYP uninhibited by their age or your age

E.g. 'Let's Listen' – Young Children's Voices Network/NCB

- 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

Going the same way..



Process for Developing Participation

Stage 1

- Sign up to principles of participation at Senior Management Level
- Agree a shared understanding and transparent vision across organisation / strategic partnership

Process for Developing Participation

Stage 2

- Self Assessment – what’s happening now to inform action
- Identify Challenges (SWOT analysis)
- Set Standards- e.g.. Hear by Right, LILAC

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Stage 3

- Develop strategic action plan (informed by best practice), include methods for participation, monitoring, evaluation and impact assessment
- Pooling of resources- what do we already know ?
- Develop partnership/ joined up working

Process for Developing Participation

Stage 4

- Adoption of standards?
- Ongoing review, learning and feedback- Can we explain the impact of Participation ?

Youth4U – Young Inspectors programme



Where to go for help...?

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