



DEGREES OF YOUTH PARTICIPATION

8. Youth-initiated and directed:

Youth have the original idea and decide how it is carried out.

7. Youth-initiated, shared decisions:

Youth have the original idea and consult with 'adults' on how to carry it out.

6. Adult-initiated with participation from youth:

'Adults' have the original idea and youth are involved in planning and implementation.

5. Youth consulted and informed:

Youth are consulted and their opinions are taken seriously.

4. Assigned and informed:

'Adults' decide on the project and youth volunteer for it.

3. Tokenism:

Youth are consulted but their opinions are not taken seriously

2. Decoration:

Youth take part in a limited capacity and have no role in decision-making.

1. Manipulation:

Youth do as directed but do not understand or have influence over the project.

(Adapted from Harts's Ladder of Youth Participation)

Alignment of expectations

What is expected of my participation?

What can I influence?

What resources do I have available?

What are the frameworks for the process, meetings with other participants, etc.?

What should be the outcome of the process?