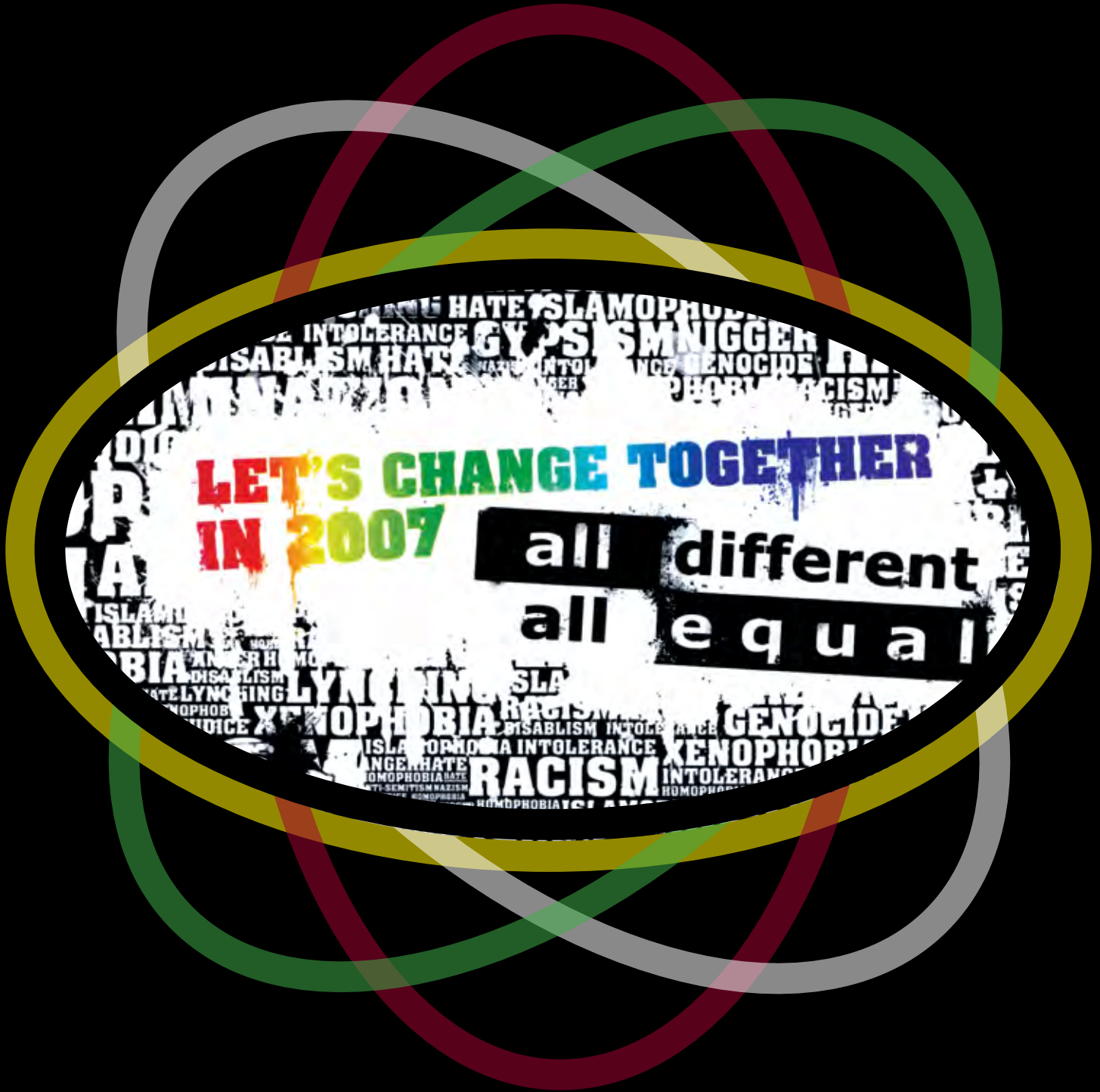


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1. General resources

1.1 Toolkits/games

Hear by right: standards for the active involvement of children and young people
Badham, Bill and Wade, Harry The NYA, 2005. ISBN -861553209.
£10.

Set of tried and tested standards for organisations across the statutory and voluntary sectors to assess and improve practice and policy on the active involvement of children and young people. Includes an accompanying mapping and planning template on CD Rom and a briefing for local authorities. www.nya.org.uk/hearbyright

Participation scrapbook

Edinburgh Youth Social Inclusion Partnership, 2005. ISBN 0954039718. £20

Documents approaches that can be adopted for youth participation and shows how these have actually been used in specific contexts. It includes examples of exercises, sessions, events and resources. www.youthinclusion.org

Youthbank UK toolkit

Youthbank UK, 2003. £40

Toolkit for those involved in Youthbank initiatives which reflects the practice that has evolved in their grantmaking activity, but could also be applied to a range of settings where young people are involved in decision making. Includes sections on recruiting young grantmakers; induction and teambuilding; agreeing a grantmaking criteria; promotion and publicity and evaluating Youthbank work. www.youthbank.org.uk

1.2 Research

Children, young people and social inclusion: participation for what?

Tisdall, Kay et al, eds Policy Press, 2006. ISBN 186134662X.
£21.99.

Book explores how far and in what way social inclusion policies are meeting the needs and rights of children and young people. It examines the concepts of participation and social inclusion and their links with young people; explores young people's own concepts of social inclusion and exclusion; and examines how these concepts have been highlighted in policy.

Measuring the magic?: evaluating and researching young people's participation in public decision making

Kirby, Perpetua and Bryson, Sara, Carnegie Young People Initiative, 2002. ISBN 0900259477. Free.

Examines the evidence for what works in involving young people in making public decisions. It identifies what issues need to be examined further and examines future challenges for evaluation and research in this field. www.carnegie-youth.org.uk

Taking the initiative: international perspectives on young people's involvement in public decision-making

Mokwena, Steve, ed. Carnegie Young People Initiative, 2002.

Considers what is being done in seven different countries to encourage the right of young

people to be heard in the decisions which affect their lives. Each country profile analyses national policies and structures, and highlights good practice in local communities. www.carnegie-youth.org.uk

Taking the initiative: promoting young people's involvement in public decision making in the UK

Cutler, David and Frost, Roger, Carnegie United Kingdom Trust. 2000. Free.

Mapping exercise that looks at initiatives to involve young people in democracy and decision making in the UK. It includes examples of good practice, and models for participation and promoting young people's involvement. www.carnegie-youth.org.uk

1.3 Websites

Participation Works! - www.participationworks.org.uk/

British Youth Council - <http://www.byc.org.uk/>

Carnegie Young People Initiative - <http://cypi.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/cypi/home>

Citizenship Foundation - <http://www.citizenshipfoundation.org.uk/>

Local Democracy Campaign - <http://www.localdemocracyweek.info/>

National Children's Bureau - <http://www.ncb.org.uk/Page.asp>

United Kingdom Youth Parliament - <http://www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk/>

2. Practical information for increasing participation

2.1 Tool kits/games

A guide to actively involving young people in research: for researchers, research commissioners, and managers

Kirby, Perpetua, Involve Support Unit. 2004. ISBN 0954121538.

Focuses on why and how to actively involve young people (aged 12-21 years) as researchers within health and social care research. www.invo.org.uk

Action research toolkit

Campbell, Ruth and Berry, Helen. Edinburgh Youth Social Inclusion Partnership, 2001. ISBN 095403970X. £15

Produced to help workers and organisations using action research with young people. The toolkit provides background information on the principles of action research, as well as suggestions for practical activities to help workers and young people carry out their projects. www.youthinclusion.org

Bored meetings? Meeting skills for young decision-makers

EVOC, 2004. £18

Training materials that make up a course aimed at young people aged 14 to 18 who are taking part or want to take part in meetings. The pack is easy to use with a poster, exercise cards on issues such as making group decisions and chairing a meeting, handouts, and a booklet explaining how the pack was developed by young people. www.youthinclusion.org

Building a culture of participation: involving children and young people in policy, service planning, delivery and evaluation - handbook

Kirby, Perpetua; Lanyon, Claire and Cronin, Kathleen, DfES. 2003. ISBN 0954669517. Free.

Designed for management and staff at different levels within an organisation to stimulate thinking, offer ideas about how to actively involve children and young people in decision-making, and to encourage organisations to explore how they can develop a more participatory culture. www.dfes.gov.uk

Everyday participation: a practical guide for involving young people

Shenton, Felicity, UK Youth. 2004. ISBN 1904479049. £28

Introductory guide for voluntary sector youth groups on the principles and practice of participation. Based on the views of young people and youth workers about what has worked for them, it is organised under three sections: understanding of what participation means, its history and values; examples of how participation can be part of everyday work with young people; and guidance on how to put participation into practice.

www.ukyouth.org

How to make yourself heard - a toolkit for young people

ChildLine British Telecommunications, 2003. Free.

Guide designed to provide the communication tools young people need to make themselves heard. The basic principles can be adapted to apply to any situation where being heard and speaking effectively are important. www.childline.org.uk

2.2 Research

Participation in practice: children and young people as partners in change

Willow, Carolyne, Children's Society. 2002. ISBN 1899783407. £11.95.

Considers the policy context for consultation and participation with children and young people, and explores guiding principles and recommendations for achieving positive change. Six case studies in the key areas of promoting social inclusion are included - advocacy in the child protection system; consulting and including young carers in policy and practice development; learning from the experiences and views of young disabled people; listening to very young children; and setting up a children and young people's bureau. www.childreassoc.org.uk

Political engagement among young people: an update

Johnson, Catherine and Marshall, Ben. Electoral Commission, 2004. Free.

Overview of some of the main findings from research into the extent and nature of political engagement among young people, and their attitudes towards politics, elections and voting. www.electoralcommission.org.uk/elections/research

3. Communities

3.1 Toolkits/games

The active involvement of young people in developing safer communities

The NYA. 2002. Free.

Guide sets out the principles and processes required to effectively involve young people in the development of safer communities. Organised into five main sections it covers organising for active involvement; mechanisms for involvement; detail on the principles

involved; toolkits to help plan involvement activity; and case studies of successful active involvement projects. www.nya.org.uk

Creating better cities with children and youth: a manual for participation

Driskell, David Earthscan, 2002. ISBN 1853838535. £27.00.

Practical manual on how to conceptualise, structure and facilitate the participation of young people in community development. www.tso.co.uk

A real part to play: a resource pack for involving young people in community regeneration

Stefansson, Elin and Dalzell, Ruth. National Children's Bureau, 2005. ISBN 1904787320. £25

Manual offers suggestions on involving children and young people in community regeneration and treating them as equal partners. It looks at project development and considers the context of involving young people in community regeneration and some of the potential problems. www.ncb.org.uk

What would you do with this space? Involving young people in the design and care of urban spaces

Cabe Space, 2004. Free.

Practical guide to involving children and young people in the design, development and management of public space. It includes case studies of sixteen different projects, explores creative ways to involve young people in public space, and sets out some of the key issues that projects may face. www.cabespace.org.uk

3.2 Research

'Doing something': young people as social actors

Eden, Karen and Roker, Debi. The NYA. 2002. ISBN 0861552709. £6.50.

Describes a study which looks at young people who are actively engaged in their communities, in politics and in wider participation, and outlines some of the key results and discussing implications for policy and practice. www.nya.org.uk

England's results from the IEA international citizenship education study: what citizenship and education mean to 14-year-olds

Kerr, David et al Department for Education and Skills, 2002. ISBN 1841858110. £4.95.

Detailed analysis of England's participation in phase 2 of a international study of civic education and participation among young people. It focuses on three particular dimensions of citizenship: civic knowledge, civic concepts and attitudes, and civic engagement and participation. It draws together the main conclusions from the study, both national and international, and makes a number of recommendations on the policy, practice and research of citizenship education in England. www.dfes.gov.uk/research

Together we can: people and government, working together to make life better

Civil Renewal Unit, 2005.

Sets out the Government's commitment to working with communities and public bodies to set and achieve common goals related to citizens and democracy; regeneration and cohesion; safety and justice; and health and sustainability, involving twelve government departments. www.active-citizen.org.uk

4. Engaging with young people

4.1 Toolkits/games

Democracy cookbook: doing politics with young people

Electoral Commission, 2005. ISBN 1904363598.

Activities and ideas to work with young people on the issue of politics. It includes information about how politics work, democracy and what democratic institutions do. www.electoralcommission.org.uk

The essential guide: BYC's handbook for local youth councils

Mason, Jules British Youth Council, 2003. £30

Information and advice on setting up and running a local youth council. It includes sections on getting started, running a project, participation, and influencing decision-makers. www.byc.org.uk

Involving children and young people - an introduction

Department of Health, 2003. Free.

Briefing written for adults working with, and responsible for, the involvement of children and young people, which offers a framework to help ensure their safe, sound and effective participation.

Involving young people in the recruitment of staff, volunteers and mentors

Michel, Emma and Hart, Di. National Children's Bureau, 2002. ISBN 1900990776. £25

Training pack includes information to help organisations develop policy, procedures and structures, and training materials for a two-day accredited course to give young people the skills to participate effectively in the recruitment of staff, volunteers and mentors. www.ncb.org.uk

Learning to listen report

DfES 2003. Free.

Sets out core principles for involving children and young people in shaping government policy, design and delivery across all departments. Covers contribution to decision-making; improving accessibility of information; preventative measures; evaluation of services; and enhancing structures and practice. www.dfes.gov.uk

Meeting with respect

Barnardo's, 2005. £30

Provides ideas and guidance on how to involve children and young people in meetings with parents, carers and professionals in a range of settings. www.barnardos.org.uk

Participation - spice it up!

Shepherd, Carol and Treseder, Phil. Save the Children, 2002. ISBN 1841870625. £18.95.

Toolkit of methods for professionals wanting to involve children and young people in decision-making. It includes background information - values, practice and issues; practical activities to involve and engage young people; and practical resources. www.savethechildren.org.uk

Participation in our village: involving children and young people in the development of parish and town plans

National Children's Bureau, 2005. ISBN 1904787495. Free.

Introduction to encouraging and enabling children and young people to participate in the development of parish and town plans. It looks at what participation is; why it is important for young people to participate; how children and young people can be encouraged and enabled to participate; and what can be achieved through participation.

www.ncb.org.uk

Up for it: getting young people involved in local government

Combe, Vicki. The NYA. 2002. ISBN 0861552733. £12.95.

Guidance document aimed at elected members and local authority officers with responsibility for developing public involvement policy. It introduces four key stages to involving young people in local decision-making - 'creating the right environment', 'planning', 'doing', and 'follow up.' www.nya.org.uk

4.2 Research

Building a culture of participation: involving children and young people in policy, service planning, delivery and evaluation - research report

Kirby, Perpetua; Lanyon, Claire and Cronin, Kathleen. DfES, 2003. ISBN 0954669509. Free.

Study examines participatory practice with children and young people in case studies of twenty-nine organisations. It provides an overview of the range of participatory activity at local, regional and national levels; uses practice examples to describe the ways in which children and young people have been involved in decision-making; identifies factors that seem to promote good outcomes; and explores ways of developing participatory organisations. www.dfes.gov.uk

Revisiting youth political participation

Forbrig, Joerg, ed. Council of Europe, 2005. ISBN 9287156549.

Explores political and democratic participation among young people in Europe. It focuses on new forms of social and political involvement which have emerged among young people, bringing new meaning to contemporary democracy.

Standard! Organisational standards and young people's participation in public decision making

Cutler, David. Carnegie Young People Initiative, 2003. ISBN 0900259515. Free.

Looks at the use of standards by young people's organisations and others as they apply to young people's involvement in decision-making, and proposes a national kitemarking system to benchmark good practice. www.carnegie-youth.org.uk

5. Participation and disabilities

5.1 Toolkits/games

'Getting it right' - involving disabled children in assessment, planning and review processes

Marchant, Ruth and Jones, Mary Triangle Services Ltd, 2003. £7

Provides practical strategies and resources for the meaningful involvement of disabled children and young people in assessment, planning and review processes in a variety of settings.
www.triangle-services.co.uk