Other Models of Participation

LADDER OF CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION

EIGHT LEVELS OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECTS

8. YOUTH-INITIATED SHARED DECISIONS WITH ADULTS Youth-led activities, in which decision making is shared between youth and adults working as equal partners.

7. YOUTH-INITIATED AND DIRECTED

Youth-led activities with little input from adults.

6. ADULT-INITIATED SHARED DECISIONS WITH YOUTH

Adult-led activities, in which decision making is shared with youth.

5. CONSULTED AND INFORMED

Adult-led activities, in which youth are consulted and informed about how their input will be used and the outcomes of adult decisions

4. ASSIGNED, BUT INFORMED

Adult-led activities, in which youth understand purpose, decision-making process, and have a role

3. TOKENISM

Adult-led activities, in which youth do as directed without understanding of the purpose of the activities.

2. DECORATION

Adult-led activities, in which youth understand purpose, but have no input in how they are planned.

1. MANIPULATION

Adult-led activities, in which youth do as directed without understanding of the purpose for the activities.