

# Appendix 8

## Stepping Forward Activity

### Statements: Can you participate?

- A questionnaire is sent round primary and secondary schools about health issues – can you participate?
- There is a meeting at the local library on Tuesday evening at 6pm about leisure facilities for young people – can you participate?
- A survey is sent through the post for young people to express their views about drugs and alcohol – can you participate?
- There is a workshop at the local college about transport in the area and it is based on photography – can you participate?
- A drama company are touring schools and running workshops about 'education is fun' – can you participate?
- There is a meeting about the Scottish Youth Parliament – can you participate?
- A questionnaire on issues that young people are concerned about is put on the web by the NI Executive – can you participate?
- You are asked in the street about your views on the health service – can you participate?
- You are invited to a focus group between 7-9pm next Thursday evening about services available and needed for children in the area – can you participate?
- There is a large consultation event in Glasgow about children's rights – can you participate?
- You are asked to read a summary paper on education from the government and write down your responses – can you participate?
- A graffiti wall is drawn in your local library on young people's views on the area – can you participate?

### Role cards

**Marie:** You live with your mother and sister in Coleraine and you are fourteen. You have dyslexia and find it difficult to read and complete forms. You are very creative and enjoy photography and art-based activities.

**Patrick:** You live with your family who are travellers in a caravan on the edge of a town. You have been to four primary schools, each in a different town. You like your current school best, and you have met new friends in the area. You would like to get linked up to the internet at home, but you do not think that it will be possible.

**Padma:** You live with your parents, your two brothers and sister in Newtownards. You are planning to go to university next year and you would like to study IT. You speak English at school but not at home.

**Tom:** You are fifteen and you live with your mother and younger sister. Your mum is a single parent and works during the evenings. When you get home from school you look after your sister until your Mum gets home from work at about 7pm. You have a Saturday job to earn pocket money.

**Peter:** You live with your parents in Enniskillen and you go to the local youth club on a Thursday evening. Your mother works as a community worker and your father works within the planning section of the Council. You have Wi-Fi at home and at the youth club.

**Ellie:** You live on a farm with your family on the Rathlin Island on the north coast. It is very expensive to travel to Belfast and you have only visited this city once in your lifetime. You do have a computer and access to the Internet.

**Dan:** You are involved in setting up the NI Youth Parliament and you enjoy going to meetings and discussing issues that affect young people. You have access to the Internet and are about to take your A-Levels.

**Sue:** You do not like school, and you often do not go but hang out with your friends instead. At night you go into Belfast and hang about, and you are looking forward to being eighteen as there is nothing for young people to do.

**Andy:** You had polio as a baby, and you now need a wheelchair to get about. You like reading but the local library has steps, and you cannot get in without help. You do not like going out when it is dark because the street lighting is not good in your area, and it makes it difficult for you to get about.

**Angaila:** You have recently moved to NI as a refugee with your parents and you can speak a little English, but you cannot read it very well. You are very shy, and you do not like going to large meetings.

**Paul:** You are living in the care system at the moment. You are interested in reading and playing football. You would like to get a computer, but you do not have one now. You attend school and your favourite subjects are music and drama.

**Cameron:** You live in the Fermanagh and have a slight visual impairment. Your computer is adapted so that you can read text that is sent to you via email, but you cannot read standard text very well.

**Jane:** You have two young children, and you are a single parent. Your mother helps you out a lot with the children, but she does not like babysitting at night because she does not feel safe walking to your flat in the dark. You plan to go to college when your youngest child starts school.