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Youth Participation in Policy Design and Implementation

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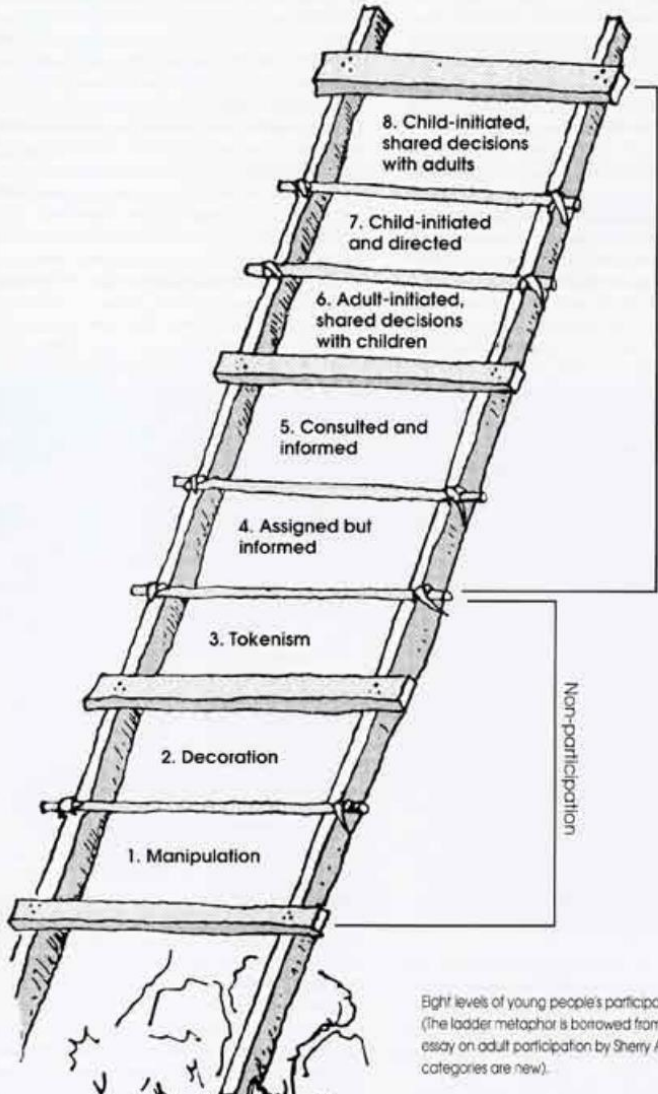
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Part 1: What is Youth Participation

Key Principles of Youth Participation

- › Empowerment
 - › Young people having greater control over their lives through participation.
 - › Purposeful Engagement
 - › Young people taking on valued roles, addressing issues that are relevant to them and influencing real outcomes.
 - › Inclusiveness
 - › Ensuring all young people are able to participate, regardless of their background, culture, where they live, their gender or their sexuality.
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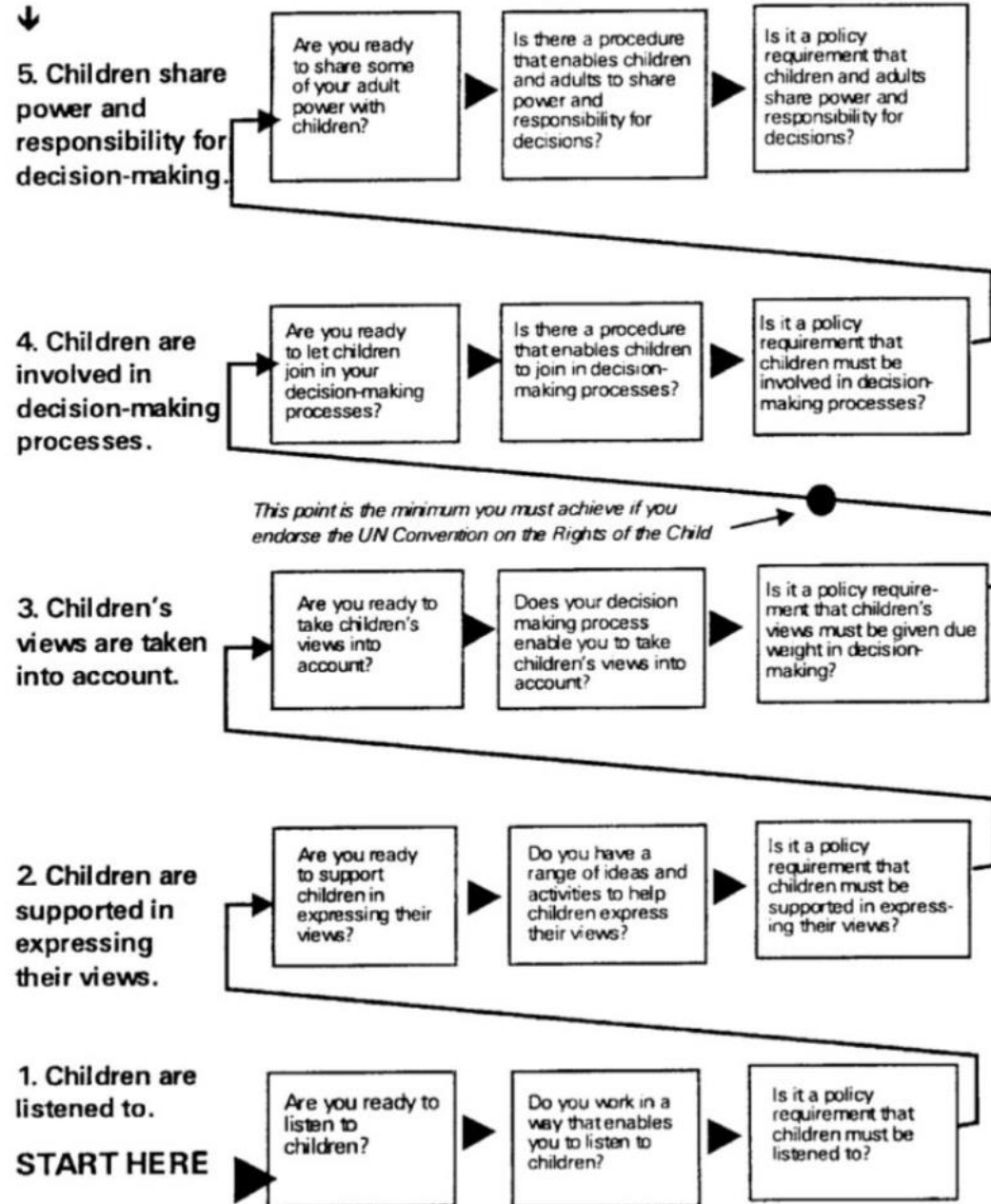
The Ladder of Participation



Eight levels of young people's participation in projects. (The ladder metaphor is borrowed from the well-known essay on adult participation by Sherry Arnstein (1969); the categories are new).

Levels of participation

Openings > Opportunities > Obligations



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Part 2: Youth Participation in Practice

Social Housing Policy and Homelessness Services

- › *Meaningfully involve young people* in the design, delivery, governance, monitoring, and evaluation of the Big Housing Build and the 10-Year Social and Affordable Housing Strategy
 - › Deliver a diversity of homes through both public and community housing sectors that *specifically meet the needs of young people* who have experienced trauma, or have other complex needs. *Pair the provision of housing with the delivery of ongoing, long-term and targeted support.*
 - › *Establish a high-level housing forum* through which relevant Ministers, departments, local governments, community housing providers, specialist homelessness services, community services organisations (youth, mental health, alcohol and other drug, family violence), tenant advocates, the private sector and, most importantly, *young people with lived experience, work together to co-ordinate all responses to youth homelessness* and identify methods of ongoing collaboration.
 - › *Ensure sources of evidence* used to make decisions about type, location, volume and target cohorts for social housing *effectively capture the data and experiences of young people.*
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