Thursday 18 September 2008
Inmarsat, 99 City Road, London EC1Y 1AX

This Participation Works one-day conference will explore the available tools and resources to support children and young people's participation in a range of settings.

Delegates at the conference will learn how to use tools and resources to improve children and young people's participation. Participants will also be able to discuss specific participation issues through a number of workshops. The conference will be a great networking opportunity for everyone involved in participation.

Participation Works is a consortium of six agencies that enables organisations to effectively involve children and young people in the development, delivery and evaluation of the services that affect their lives.
Programme

9.30 Registration and refreshments

10.00 Welcome and introduction to the day
   Fiona Blacke, CEO, National Youth Agency

10.15 Keynote address
   Peter Wanless, CEO, Big Lottery Fund

10.30 Involving children and young people in the development of their workforce
   Alex Brookes, Participation Coordinator, Children’s Workforce Development Council (CWDC)

11.00 Refreshments

11.15 Regional collaboration to promote participation—Promoting positive behaviour creatively
   Pauline Smith, SDSA Associate, Schools Development Support Agency

11.45 Workshops

12.45 Lunch

1.45 Practical tools for identifying opportunities and planning action with young people
   Kirsty Taylor, Lead Trainer, YoMo

   Mental health – what it means to children and young people in Plymouth
   Camille Clearie, Participation Worker, Routeways

2.15 Workshops (repeated)

3.15 Questions and answers

3.45 Plenary session
   Fiona Blacke, CEO, National Youth Agency

4.15 Refreshments and close of conference

For more information and to book a place:
www.participationworks.org.uk

Speakers

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Big Lottery Fund

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Chair

Fiona Blacke, CEO,
National Youth Agency
The past decade has seen a progressive shift in the legislative and policy framework relating to children and young people’s participation. The benefits of listening to children and young people are also widely acknowledged but taking their involvement to the next step can be hard. How do you involve them in your organisation’s decision-making at all levels? What involvement is appropriate?

A wide range of tools are available to support participation, including resources that support consultation, dialogue and taking action, as well as tools for recording the impact of change. This conference will introduce some of the resources available and help you to choose the ones that are right for the situation you are working in.

Workshops

1. Getting 8 to 12s involved in decision-making
   Rachel Monaghan, Development Officer, Participation, NCB
   This interactive session will discuss training resources specifically targeted at the 8 to 12 age group to help workers support them to develop decision-making skills. Find out more about how and why the resources were developed and try out some of the activities and exercises.

2. Hear by Right: In Practice
   Jake Manning, Development Officer - Participation, NYA
   This workshop will focus on the National Youth Agency’s Hear by Right standards framework and the Participation Works Self-Assessment Tool, which will help any organisation or project to map current levels of participation and to develop a plan for improvement.

3. Creative Approaches to Participation with Young People
   Fidelma O’Neill, Participation Specialist
   This practical workshop will explore a variety of creative approaches to use with children and young people to develop their participation in decision making.

4. Ready Steady Change
   Myrtle Finley and Emrys Green, Young Trainers
   An interactive, practical session using tools and resources from the one-day Ready Steady Change course. This taster is a great introductory session to tools and resources, and you will come away with practical ideas and free resources that you can use straight away. Young people will be leading this session.

5. Participation within workforce development: beyond recruitment and selection
   Alex Brookes, Participation Coordinator, CWDC
   Showcasing the work supported by CWDC’s Participation Fund – tool kits, DVD’s and Ready to Run activities to involve children and young people in all aspects of workforce development and reform including recruitment, selection, induction, training and appraisals.

Who should attend?

Practitioners working with children and young people with an interest in participation, including:

- Social workers
- Participation workers
- Voluntary organisations
- Youth workers
- Play leaders
- Directors of Children’s Services
- Directors of Education
- Children and Family Managers
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