

Participation of Disabled Children and Young People

A lot to say (2002) Jenny Morris, Scope

A guide for social workers, personal advisors and others working with disabled children and young people with communication impairments. Available to download from: www.scope.org.uk

Are you listening? What are disabled children and young people in Wales telling us about the services they use? (2003) Claire Turner, Barnardos & NCH

A consultation carried out with disabled children and young people that asked them about their views on the services they use and their recommendations for change to health, education and social care and leisure services across Wales. Download the report from: www.childrenfirst.wales.gov.uk/content/framework/

Ask Us! (2002) The Children's Society

A CD-ROM resulting from a multi-media consultation involving 200 disabled children and young people between the ages of 4 and 24. Available from the Children's Society www.childrenssociety.org.uk Tel: 020 7841 4415

Building a Culture of Participation: involving children and young people in policy, service planning, delivery and evaluation (2003) Kirby, Petula; Claire Lanyon, Kathleen Cronin & Ruth Sinclair Research Report, DfES/0826/2003

Carnegie Young People Initiative

Children and young people's participation is the sole focus of CYPI. They specialise in research, new ideas, and piloting innovative projects.

www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk

Children are service users too: A guide for consulting children and young people (2004)

A practical guide offering support to all organisations looking to consult children and young people. It's particularly aimed at those applying to the Cabinet Office Charter Mark, who need to consult children and young people as part of their consultation of all users of their services. www.chartermark.gov.uk

Hello! Are You Listening? Disabled teenagers' experience of access to inclusive leisure (2002) *Pippa Murray*

This report examines the leisure opportunities available to young disabled people across the UK. With the participation of children and young people from four separate projects – in Dudley, Ipswich, Sheffield and Swansea – together with input from a range of professionals including project coordinators, development workers and support workers, the report argues that, since leisure activities provide crucial opportunities to forge and nurture human relationship, 'inclusive leisure' has to move beyond focusing on specific activities in specific locations.

www.ibkinitiatives.com

How to ask us (2005) The Children's Society

This is the third pack in the Ask Us series. It addresses how The Children's Society involved disabled children and young people and what was learnt from the experience. The pack includes:

- CD ROM illustrating the many methods that were used to involve disabled children and young people
- A briefing paper summarising the learning from the Ask Us initiative, including messages from young people and staff about consultation
- A report on the impact of Ask Us

Copies are available priced £15 from The Children's Society. Tel: 020 7841 4401 or email publishing@childrenssociety.org.uk

I can tell you what I want: DVD showing six young people's thoughts about where they live, their lives and their advocates. The DVD is accompanied by a report. Both the report and the DVD can be obtained from: The Children's Society Disability Advocacy Project, Unit 2, 51 Derbyshire Street, Bethnal Green, London E2 6HQ

T: 020 7613 2886 Email: elp@childrenssociety.org.uk

Involving children and young people – an introduction (2004) The National Youth Agency. A fact sheet that sets out what participation is, what the benefits are and outlines various approaches to involving children and young people.

www.nya.org.uk

Learning to Listen: Consulting children and young people with disabilities (2001) Save the Children. This is a knowledge report based on a consultation with disabled children carried out by Save the Children in Hammersmith and Fulham. Available from www.savethechildren.org.uk/development

Listening to young disabled children (2004) Mary Dickens, NCB
Part of a series of leaflets about 'listening as a way of life'. Order online:

www.ncb.org.uk

Listen Up (2004) Mencap

Listen Up is a toolkit of multi media resources to help children and young people with a learning disability complain about the services they use. The pack contains materials for children, parents and staff. www.mencap.org.uk

Participation of Disabled Children and Young People in Decision-Making within Social Services Departments in England (2004) Findings

By Anita Franklin and Patricia Sloper, Social Policy Research Unit, University of York www.york.ac.uk/inst/spru/

Participation of disabled children and young people in decision-making within social services departments February 2004

Quality Protects Research Initiative

A survey of current and recent activities in Social Services in England Interim Report by Anita Franklin and Patricia Sloper

<http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/spru/research/summs/quality.htm>

Participation of Disabled Children in Individual Decisions About Their Lives and in Public Decisions about Service Development (2004) Judith Cavet* and Patricia Sloper.

This article outlines how there is evidence that disabled children hold and can express views, given the right environment and goes on to say, however, participation of disabled children needs further development.

Children & Society Volume 18 (2004) pp. 278–290 Access online at

www.interscience.wiley.com

Participation works

Participation Works is a brand new online gateway to the world of children and young people's participation. It enables you to share resources, learn about children's rights, search the knowledge hub or find out about innovative practice and new ideas.

www.participationworks.org.uk

Seen and Heard: involving disabled children and young people in research and development projects (1997) L. Ward.

Report covering the context, the law, practicalities of involving children, ethical issues and equal opportunities. Available from 01904 431213 or www.jrf.org.uk/bookshop/

Two-Way Street: Communicating with Disabled Children (2001) Gordon R., Marchant M. NSPCC

A training video and handbook about communicating with disabled children and young people. Contact: Triangle: 01273 241015 info@triangle-services.co.uk or NSPCC: 0116 234 7223 sferrar@nspcc.org.uk

Local initiatives:

Kids In Consultation – Plymouth. Plymouth's first disability consultation group for young people is being launched by the charity KIDS, following a grant from Devon Community Foundation. Kids In Consultation is entirely governed by young people. Its foundation follows a year of consultation with young people in the Plymouth area by KIDS – a national registered charity working with young people with disabilities and their families – and KIDS' successful application for a grant from Devon Community Foundation's Local Network Fund. To date, members have written their own constitution, interviewed and recruited four staff and organised and arranged the official launch. Find out more about this project from: www.kids-online.org.uk

Sixth Sense, Northern Ireland

6th Sense is a group of children & young people. They are advocates for all the disabled young people who have participated in Disabled Children and Young People's Participation Project.

Their main aim is to highlight issues that affect disabled children and young people from across the Southern Area and ensure that the service providers listen.

www.southernareacsp.n-i.nhs.uk/Disabled%20Children%20&%20Young%20People.htm

Something to Say. Website for young people in East Riding to have their say.

www.saysomething.org.uk Young people can have their say through a website. Has received lots of positive feedback from young people.

Speaking Up! is an award-winning voluntary organisation, supporting people with disabilities to control their own lives. Young People Speaking Up! (YPSU) is their first youth project which works with young people with learning difficulties across Cambridgeshire.

For further details on Young People Speaking Up! please contact either Steph Hawryla or Alison Gelder on 01223 566258 or email them on steph@speakingup.org or alison@speakingup.org.

Sunderland: City Equals

Sunderland Youth Development Group is committed to working with disabled young people to ensure their active involvement in decisions that affect their lives. One of the ways this is achieved is through City Equals. 'City Equals' is a small group of young disabled people who advocate for other young people, enabling their voice to be heard, understood and responded to within the wider community, by linking into Sunderland Youth Parliament. Find out more from:

<http://www.sncwd.org.uk/friendsandfreetime.html>

Wyre Forest Self Advocacy group

The aim of this advocacy group is to identify and contact people with disabilities, whether living in hospital, residential care, independently at home or with relatives and to empower them to obtain their full rights, services and opportunities, as valued members of the community. The website explains what advocacy is, describes the work of the Wyre Forest Self Advocacy group and gives details of resources and how to order them.

<http://www.wyreforestadvocacy.org>

Lucia Winters, Council for Disabled Children
8 Wakley Street, London, EC1V 7QE
Tel: 020 7843 6061
E: lwinters@ncb.org.uk