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Participation DVD

Film length 13 minutes

Thinking of involving children and young people in any aspect of your work? This short film is ideal to explain the basics of good participation and what you should do to invest in the process to make it worthwhile. It covers many of the pitfalls of participation and identifies some of the skills and training young people will need to help them participate effectively.

The film was made by Young Reporters, who are part of the Action for Children Participation Project in Gloucestershire. The project was part funded by the CWDC (Children's Workforce Development Council) as part of their Participation Fund 2009/9 and supported by the South West Regional Youth Work Unit.

3 scenarios are covered in the film – play and leisure facilities, involving young people in recruitment and governance (with a case study of what makes an effective school council).

It is suitable for anyone currently working with children and young people and could be used as part of staff induction. Alternatively, it is a great introduction for staff working outside Children's Services, parents, elected members and other organisations who are not currently working with children and young people, but who would like to do so.

The film has been widely circulated across the South West region to participation workers, trainers, workforce leads and young people. We hope this will promote the involvement of young people in many different services and activities and support good participation practise.

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To access the film please click on the following **web-site link**:
<http://www.learning-southwest.org.uk/page/Policies,-Guidelines-and-Key-Documents>
and look under the heading '**Guidelines and Toolkits produced by the RYWU and/or National Agencies**'.

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