

Participation Works is a consortium of six national children and young people’s agencies. We are working together to ensure that every child and young person can influence decisions affecting their lives.

Participation Works offers a wide range of training courses and a consultancy package, ranging from introducing a selection of training methods and tools, through to organisational change and strategic planning.

The courses on offer are designed to meet the needs of a wide range of staff including managers and trustees as well as young people themselves, and will include accredited training. The training programme is being delivered England-wide by a team of Participation Works approved trainers, including young people who are aged 16-19 years.

Courses are free to Voluntary, Community and other Third Sector organisations (1 person per organisation) and £85 for Statutory organisations.

Ready Steady Change is a one-day course that introduces participants to a selection of training methods and tools to enhance their skills and knowledge in increasing children and young people’s effective participation in decision-making. The course focuses on values, change and action. Ready Steady Change approaches participation from a children’s rights framework and is suitable for all individuals involved in participation work.

25 June	London
9 July	Liverpool
14 July	Birmingham
16 July	Brighton
10 September	Newcastle
24 September	York
29 September	London

Building a Culture of Participation explores how an organisation’s culture can be established and embedded to support children and young people’s active and meaningful participation within the organisational infrastructure. This practical course is supported by work undertaken by NCB and PK Research Consultancy.

This course may lead on to gaining one to one advice and support from an approved Participation Works consultant. This consultancy based on Building a Culture of Participation is for anybody within an organisation who has influence and wants to embed the active engagement of children and young people in decision-making across the organisation.

18 June	Leeds
21 July	London
23 July	Newcastle
3 September	Leicester
8 September	Taunton
17 September	Manchester

Hear by Right Workshops are designed to provide information about using the Hear by Right standards framework to draw up a map of current participation with children and young people in your organisation and create an agreed strategic plan for improvement. The workshops are for all staff interested in or delivering children and young people's participation, including key participation leaders and senior management. Participants will hear about the *Hear by Right* standards framework and learn how to use the Participation Works *Hear by Right* Self-Assessment Tool.

16 June	Leicester
2 July	London
8 September	Manchester

Safeguarding in Youth Participation is one day course designed to support organisations in developing and applying safe policies and procedures when working with young people. It also addresses key signs to look for if a young person is being harmed within a project or externally. The key elements of a child protection and safeguarding policy and procedure will be introduced, providing participants with the basic knowledge and understanding to write their own bespoke policy and procedures.

10 June	London
24 June	Newcastle
15 July	Manchester

Youth at the Table a one-day course to introduce a young person to the role of trusteeship, as well as enhancing existing trustees understanding of how they can effectively and confidently speak with purpose. The structure of the course is based around the Workforce Hub's National Occupational Standards for Trustees and Management Committee Members, whilst activities and training methods have been developed with young people to make them more engaging and inspiring to other young people. Young people can bring a support worker along with them.

26 September	London
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Saying Power is an accredited training programme for young people 16-25 providing them with skills and knowledge to lead a project. The course offers a range of training, guidance and resources that support both organisations and young people throughout the duration of the project. Free introductory seminars are available on the following dates.

25 June	London
1 July	Leeds

To book your place or find out more about the courses
 visit our Gateway: www.participationworks.org.uk
 or call the Enquiry Line: 0845 603 6725