

CHILD AND YOUTH PARTICIPATION



Brief description:

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child states that children have the right to participate in decision-making processes that may be relevant in their lives (Articles 5 and 12). Through participation, youngsters are recognised as experts on their lives and therefore their views have to be heard and taken seriously.

Youth participation improves learning skills and strategies such as: *making choices, reflecting, critical thinking and analysing data*. The process also sharpens *writing, communication and organizational skills*. Learning is also advanced through a *sense of responsibility, achieving success, motivation and ownership*. In addition to personal enrichment, involving youngsters in processes benefits the work of organizations, as the participation of youth provides original and useful insights and inputs to develop more effective strategies and approaches.

In this training we provide people working with youngsters the knowledge and competences necessary to implement youth participation activities in their work or organization. Besides the theoretical aspect of participation this training will cover good practices and ready to use methods.

Duration: 1-3 days

Course Contents (non-exhaustive):

- Youth participation in theory
- Spheres of participation
- Diversity and inclusion
- How to overcome barriers
- Good practices

For: Staff from social services, local authorities, social workers, educators, community workers.

