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standards for the active involvement
of children and young people (2005)

What's Changed

Participation Outcomes Tool



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The issue raised by children and young people: The thoughts & requests of young people are often overlooked

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Evidence from	Listening	Action	What's changed
Organisation	<p>The Parish Council wanted to build a better relationship with the young people in the village.</p> <p>They met with various young people and came up with an idea for a youth parish council.</p>	<p>The Youth Parish Council was set up with a monthly formal meeting supported by the Parish Council and Surrey Youth Focus.</p> <p>There is a young persons Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Chair and Chair who now sits in on the Adult Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>The young people came up with a plan to organise a village Youth Mini Olympics and successfully applied for a grant from the Youth Opportunities Fund.</p>	<p>Through the positive participation of the young people and the forward thinking of particular members within the Parish Council the young people have gained a great deal of respect from the adult community and they now work together to improve outcomes for young people in the village.</p>
Specific children and young people	<p><i>"The thoughts and requests of young people are so often overlooked by adults with power due to the general bad press of young people"</i></p>	<p><i>"We are now the youth voice in the village. We organised an event which was attended by 300 people including 150 young people and we manage the play spaces in the village on behalf of the Council."</i></p> <p><i>"We have made contacts including the Football Club, Residents Association, Police, Basketball Club, County Council & Borough Council and managed 30 adult volunteers at the event."</i></p>	<p><i>"We now have a say on many matters affecting youth that would otherwise have been done by adults"</i></p>
Other children and young people and the wider community		<p><i>"We helped with the mini Olympics by running a 5-A-side football tournament" (Local Football Club)</i></p> <p><i>"We ran a Basketball tournament" (Local Basket Ball Club)</i></p>	<p><i>"The Young people have come such a long way. They now chair there own meetings, write there own meeting agenda's & minute's and run there own projects. (Parish Councillor)"</i></p>

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Improved outcomes for children and young people:

The Youth Parish Council has one formal meeting a month and consists of 12 members with the support of two adult parish councillors. They often meet informally outside of this meeting to work on projects and build links with the community.

This project clearly meets the every child matters agenda. They have enjoyed organising an event including the management of people and a budget whilst promoting the benefits of young people keeping healthy. This gave the young people a great feeling of achievement and self-satisfaction whilst the parish council has given them the opportunity to make a positive contribution to the local community in a safe and pro-active manor.