



MODEL OF YOUTH PARTICIPATION



Міністерство
молоді та спорту
України



YOUTH PARTICIPATION

- fundamental human right which helps to realise other rights

- development of young leaders with relevant life skills

- better national/local policies

- greater trust of youth to authorities



THE YOUTH PARTICIPATION MODEL is a description of the theoretical and practical tools for young people to participate in decision-making processes at the national, regional, and local levels.

PURPOSE:

is to increase the well-being of young people at every level

GOALS:

- impact on the adoption and improvement of quality of life-related and youth-related decisions;
- increase of youth civil activity;
- changing the role of youth from observers to policy makers;
- taking into account the opinion of youth from different social groups.

OBJECTIVES

MUNICIPAL LEVEL

- enable young people to initiate decisions in their community;
- enhance the role of youth in the community;
- create favorable conditions for youth living in the community, including the reduction of young people's migration;
- create conditions for open bilateral communication and cooperation between authorities, local self-government bodies and youth;
- to promote the involvement of young people in the monitoring and adaptation of youth policy in accordance with the real needs of youth;
- create opportunities for a social lift and development for a young person.

REGIONAL LEVEL

- to increase the level of influence of young people living in small and large settlements of the region on the formation and implementation of state policy in various social spheres at the regional level (cross-sectoral approach);
- attract attention to issues relating to youth;
- strengthen the participation of young people at the local level through coordination at the regional level;
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NATIONAL LEVEL

- increase the participation of young people from all over the country in management processes and decision-making;
- to bring young people's thoughts and views on socio-economic issues at the national, regional and local levels to the legislative and executive bodies;
- increase participation of young people from all over the country in management processes and decision-making;
- protect the rights of young people;
- develop effective vertical communication between different levels and horizontal communication at the national level on issues related to youth (cross-sectoral approach);
- create opportunities for a social lift and development for a young person;
- to create conditions for open bilateral communication between the authorities, local self-government bodies and the youth.

PRINCIPLES:

In a democratic Ukrainian society, the values of youth participation include the access of young people to human rights, the principles of equality, democracy, active citizenship, the development of opportunities and talents, safety, health and well-being. In addition, the participation of young people is based on such principles as:

1. **Inclusiveness.** There are opportunities for the participation of young people who are representatives of various social categories, including the least privileged, young people who are in difficult living conditions and with special needs. In addition, measures are being taken to actively involve young people from these groups in the process of participation.
2. **Equal dialogue.** Young people communicate with government officials on an equal footing and have equal opportunities to express their views on a particular issue (for example, the principle of «50:50», taking into account the representation of young people in working groups, co-management as a management system, where decisions are made jointly by representatives of the authorities and youth for the exchange of assessments and experience).
3. **Feedback.** Youth and government representatives inform each other about the results of their discussions and decisions. Not only young people express their thoughts about certain decisions or actions to authorities, but the authorities tell young people how their participation influenced a certain decision (and if it did not, then it explains why).
4. **Participation is present during all youth policy cycles** (analysis of needs, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation).



THE MAIN SUBJECT of youth participation is a young person – a citizen of Ukraine age 14-35.

..... SUBJECTS (WHO IMPLEMENTS OR INTERACTS)

MUNICIPAL LEVEL

- local executive authorities;
- local governments;
- public associations that carry out activities in the field of youth policy (unions, societies, public organizations, etc.)
- bodies of pupillary and student self-government
- youth advisory bodies
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NATIONAL LEVEL

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..... PARTNERS

- members of educational facilities, teachers, parental committees
- media
- political parties
- business
- experts.

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MAIN FUNCTIONS:

- ◆ education
- ◆ representation of youth interests
- ◆ rights protection

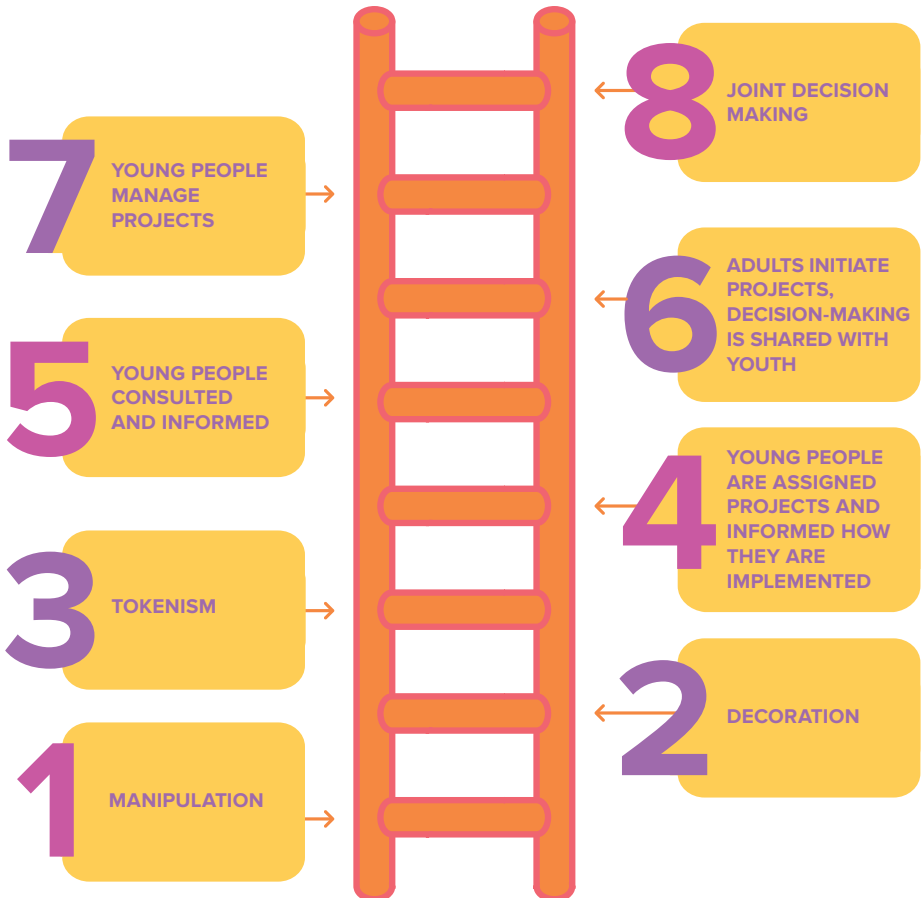
- ◆ information
- ◆ advisory
- ◆ communication
- ◆ advocacy

- ◆ monitoring
- ◆ innovation
- ◆ motivation.



PARTICIPATION means having the right, means, space, opportunities and, if necessary, support in participation and influence on decision making, and also means participation in various activities and processes for the purpose of building a better society. So participation means having influence and responsibility for decisions and actions that affect the lives of young people.

THE HART'S LADDER OF PARTICIPATION IS AN UPWARD TYPOLOGY FOR UNDERSTANDING THE DEGREE OF YOUTH PARTICIPATION. ROGER HART OFFERS EIGHT STEPS IN THE "LADDER OF PARTICIPATION"



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT is the inclusion of young people in the life of the community, region, country and the international community in areas affecting their life, based on the principles of the development of a democratic society and human rights, including through dialogue, decision-making, interaction mechanisms, processes, events, projects, campaigns and programs at all stages, from analysis and development to implementation, monitoring and evaluation. Engagement is not a participation, because it does not necessarily give an opportunity to influence decision-making on resource allocation and on the choice of priorities.



POLICY PAPER – A generalized view of a strategic problem, based on research and aimed at forming certain political or structural decisions. Is a way of advocacy. Normally it represents the views of a large group of people.



LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION

INFORMATION:

carried out in a youth friendly form; aimed primarily at youth unconnected into formal structures and used as a mechanism for engagement to processes of other levels or to inform about decisions and actions of authorities in the open access, as well as feedback



CONSULTATION:

carried out by the authorities and aimed at the interaction between the authorities and the youth, unconnected or united in the formal structures

RECOMMENDED MECHANISMS AND TOOLS FOR YOUTH PARTICIPATION AT EACH OF THE LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION.

MUNICIPAL LEVEL

- informal informing (through social networks);
- official information (through official letters to local executive authorities, local self-government bodies, public associations, etc.);
- E-mail distribution to all interested (e.g.,

REGIONAL LEVEL

- news aggregate, digest, newsletter, etc.);
- information campaigns in media;
- online announcement (on the websites of the legislative, executive, local authorities, public associations,

NATIONAL LEVEL

- through opinion leaders, etc.);
- announcements at events (in educational institutions, during parliamentary, public hearings, self-government, activities of public associations, etc.).

- consultations with representatives of youth, youth public associations, youth advisory bodies, youth centers, leaders of opinion among young people, etc. ;

- discussion / counseling during events (forums, assemblies, meetings, conferences, round tables, panel discussions, etc.);

- study of youth opinion (polls, focus groups, etc.);
- petitions;
- electronic consultation.



DIALOGUE:

carried out if any party needs and involves the exchange of views between the two parties



- communication with local executive authorities and local self-government bodies;
- open hearings, meetings and public events;
- public discussion;
- debates, public discussions, workshops on the exchange of experiences and discussion forums;
- multilateral working and advisory bodies;
- youth work groups or committees;
- public online queries, written offers, recommendations, position papers of public associations.

- support of advocacy campaigns of formal and informal groups of young people;
- communication with local executive and municipal authorities;
- open meetings, hearings and public events;
- public discussions;
- coaching seminars, seminars and discussion forums;
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PARTNERSHIP:

carried out in cooperation between non-governmental organizations and authorities; while organizations remain independent

- development of draft decisions in cooperation with youth representatives;
- initiating youth projects and support from local authorities for their implementation (budget / additional resources);
- joint development of projects;
- cooperation in implementing decisions and events;

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- development of youth strategies, priorities, action plans and event plans for the implementation of Programs and Strategies in partnership with youth at all stages..
- joint memorandums, agreements, working groups, voting and joint decision-making;
- joint assessment of the results and taking into account recommendations from young people on improving the effectiveness of

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- decisions and events of the authorities;
- participation of representatives of youth in contest commissions;
- social order (delegated by local governments to civil society institutions, powers and resources to perform part of functions).



..... TOOLS FOR MONITORING AND EVALUATION

IT IS SUGGESTED TO USE THE FOLLOWING ASSESSMENT TOOLS:

◆ sociological researches (questionnaires, interviews, expert assessment);

◆ administrative data analysis;
◆ analysis of statistical information.

MUNICIPAL LEVEL



- the share of youth who know about the opportunity for participation in actions that affect the lives of young people in the community, %
- the availability of a youth advisory body which activity involves influencing decisions on issues affecting young people
- number of decisions influenced or initiated by the youth advisory or consultative body (during the year)
- the share of participants in the youth advisory body that believes that their opinion is taken into account when making decisions in the community, %
- the level of satisfaction of young people with their own participation in public life and decision-making, involvement in the discussion of issues that affect them on the community level, on the regional level, %
- the presence of a mechanism for financial support of youth projects and / or activities of youth organizations
- number of youth projects / initiatives that received funding from the community, units.

REGIONAL LEVEL



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- the presence of a youth advisory body which activity involves influencing decisions on issues affecting young people
- number of decisions influenced or initiated by the youth advisory and consultative body (during the year)
- the share of participants in the youth advisory body that believes that their opinion is taken into account when making decisions on the regional level, %
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- number of youth projects / initiatives that received funding from the local budget, units.

NATIONAL LEVEL



- the share of youth who know about the possibility of participation in actions that affect the lives of young people, %
- the level of satisfaction of young people with their own participation in public life and decision-making, engaging in the discussion of issues that concern them, %
- the presence of a mechanism for financial support of youth projects and / or activities of youth organizations
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- the presence of a mechanism for informing young people about decisions that affect them
- the number of meetings of executive bodies held during the year, which considered youth issues with the participation of youth representatives
- the number of programs / activities implemented during the year aimed at solving the problems of youth
- the amount of funds allocated during the year for youth policy

- the presence of a mechanism for informing young people about decisions that affect them
- the number of meetings of local self-government bodies and executive authorities conducted during the year, where youth issues were considered
- the number of programs/ activities implemented during the year aimed at solving the problems of youth of the community
- presence in the executive committee of a structural unit / specialists providing the implementation of the youth policy on the community level
- the amount of funds allocated from the local budget during the year for youth programs and the functioning of youth infrastructure institutions
- the number of sociological studies or discussions conducted during the year concerning the study of the youth situation
- the number of young people who are members of youth public associations
- the number of young people involved in volunteering

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- organized during the year trips / exchanges / internships of youth groups to other countries on the topic of youth participation
- the number of consultations and public discussions of the government with the youth