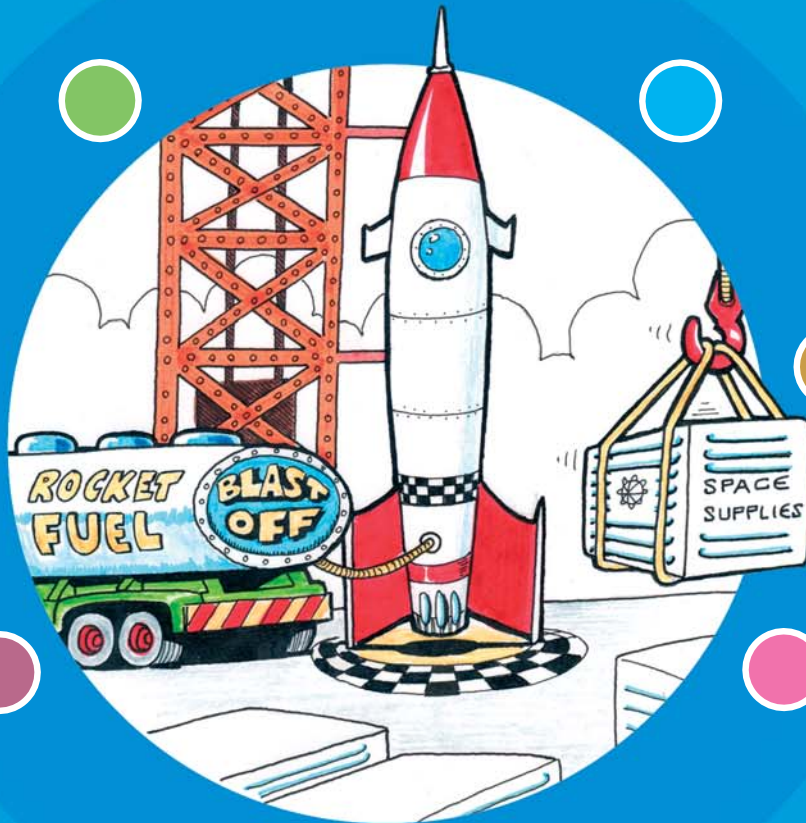


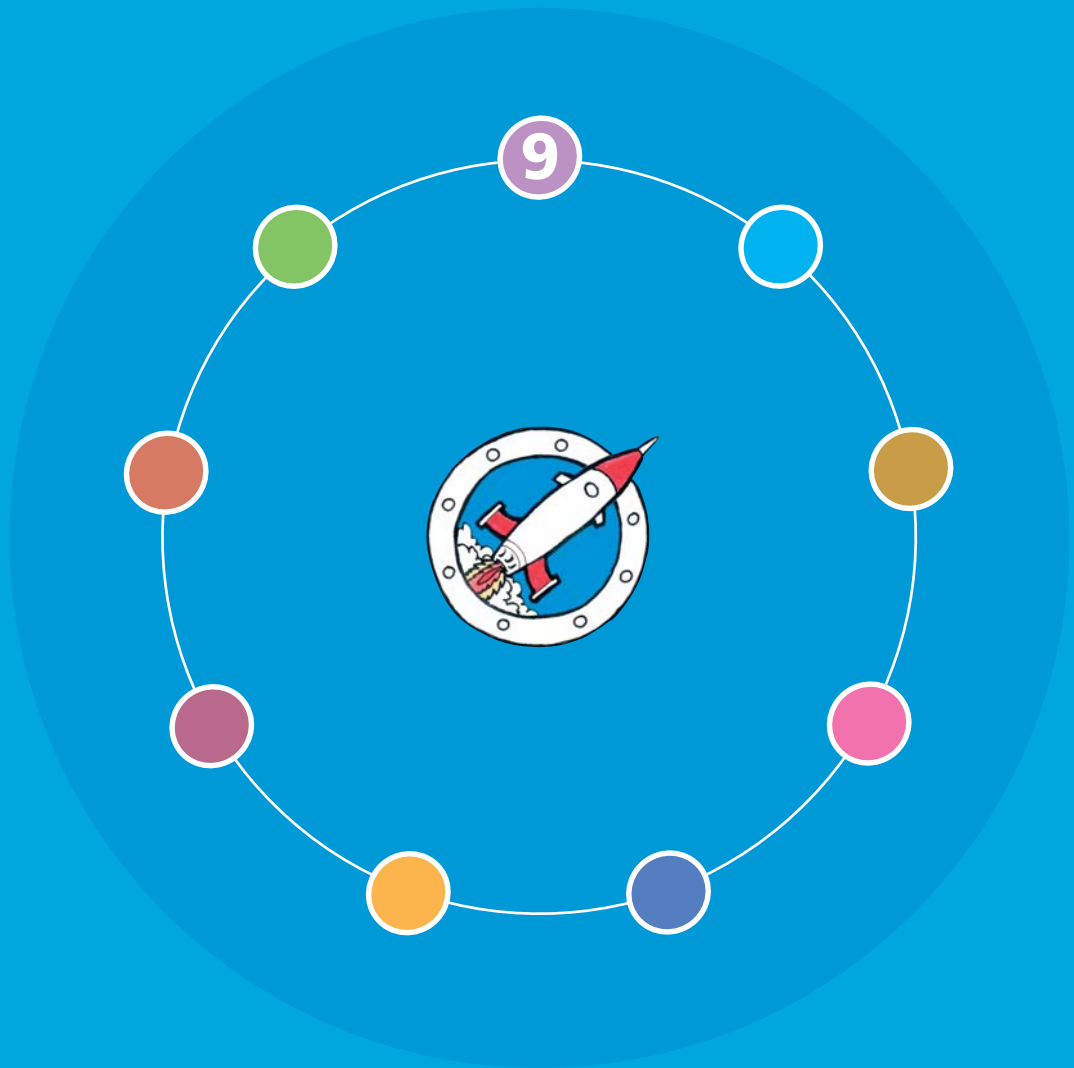


**GUIDES TO INCREASING PARTICIPATION
OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

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RESOURCES AND SUPPORT





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? Who are the 'Blast Off!' guides for?

The guides are designed as help sheets with practical tools and to signpost good practice and specific resources. They draw on the wealth of experience of workers across Wales. They are for practitioners who work with, or in, services for children and young people.

? What will this guide tell me?

Lists of relevant resources are listed at the end of each of the other guides. This guide identifies other resources and additional sources of support.

Support and Networks in Wales

The Participation Unit based at Save the Children (Wales) Contact Anna Skeels
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Children and Young People's Participation Consortium for Wales based at Save the Children (Wales) Contact Eleri Thomas on 02920 396838 or for general enquiries
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Welsh Assembly Government Participation Project, Youth and Adult Learning Opportunities Division. Contact Karron Williams 02920 826592 karon.williams@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Participation Workers' Network for Wales, based at Children in Wales. Contact Ed Janes on 02920 342434 or ed.janes@childreninwales.org.uk

Carnegie Young People Initiative and Participation Works Website
www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/cypi/home and www.participationworks.org.uk

Child Rights Practice Exchange Groups (North and South Wales). Contact Sean O'Neill, Children in Wales 02920 342434 sean.oneill@childreninwales.org.uk

Youth Forum Co-ordinators Wales – access information on each Youth Forum on Funky Dragon website www.funkydragon.org This site also includes information on local participation workers.

Welsh Assembly Government School Council Project. Contact Jane Harries on j.harries@wales.gsi.gov.uk and www.schoolcouncilswales.org.uk

National Youth Forum Workers Representatives on the Participation Consortium:
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Web Resources

Many of the websites below have publications sections with participation books etc.

Funky Dragon

www.funkydragon.org.uk



Breathing fire



0-10s conference report 2005 (12pp)
Children in special circumstances

Barnardo's

www.barnardos.org.uk/resources.htm



Are you listening?



Have your say.



CD Say it your own way.

Canllaw Online

www.canllaw-online.com

Children in Wales

www.childreninwales.org.uk

Children's Commissioner for Wales

www.childcom.org.uk

Council for Wales Voluntary Youth Services

www.cwvys.org.uk/

NCH

www.nch.org.uk

National Youth Agency

www.nya.org



Hear by right book (with CD/toolkit)



Web Resources

Save the Children (Wales)

www.savethechildren.org.uk

 Spice it up

Tros Gynnal



www.trosgynnal.org.uk

Welsh Assembly Government

www.new.wales.gov.uk

Dynamix

www.dynamix.ltd.uk

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 Can do 10-14

**Carnegie Young
People Initiative and
Participation Works**

www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/cypi/home

**Edinburgh Youth
Inclusion Project**

www.youthinclusion.org

 Action research toolkit

Key

 available in hard copy

 available free to download/pdf.



General Resources Guide

Publications

Miller, Judy, *Never Too Young: How young people can take responsibility and make decisions*, Save the Children, UK, ISBN 184 187 077, London, 2003.

This handbook focuses on younger children and describes how they can take responsibility and make decisions.

Available from: www.savethechildren.org.uk/scuk/jsp/contactus/form-online.jsp?group=contactus§ion=onlineform

Treseder, Phil, *Empowering Children and Young People. Training Manual: Promoting involvement in decision-making*, Children's Rights Office and Save the Children, London, 1997.

This manual contains checklists and exercises for promoting conceptual clarity on children's participation among professionals involved in training young people to be active in decision-making processes by building their confidence and skills.

Dynamix Ltd, *Participation – Spice It Up! Practical tools for engaging children and young people in planning and consultation*, Save the Children UK, London, 2003.

This publication provides ideas and values that underlie youth participation approaches. It includes tried and tested examples of over 40 activities. The topics cover everything from getting started and gathering information to long-term planning and evaluation.

Available from: dynamix@seriousfun.demon.co.uk

Gibbs, Sara; Mann, Gillian; Mathers, Nicola, *Child-to-Child: A practical guide. Empowering children as active citizens*, Health Action Zone, Groundwork Southwark, London, 2002.

This guide outlines a process for working with children ages 9–15 on projects that are child-initiated and child-led. It is an illustrated, easy-to-read resource for practitioners. It also contains sections on group work, choosing issues, conducting research, taking action and evaluation. It includes a list of recommended reading, additional resources

and sample lesson plans. Available for download:
www.child-to-child.org/guide/index.html



Save the Children, So You Want to Consult with Children? A toolkit of good practice, Save the Children Alliance, ISBN 82-7481-099-6, London, 2003.

This toolkit is based on the experience of Save the Children in helping to facilitate children's meaningful participation in the process leading up to, and including, the 2002 UN General Assembly Special Session on Children. The toolkit lists everything that needs to be done to make sure that children participate in consultations in meaningful ways.

Available for download:

www.savethechildren.net/alliance/resources/childconsult_toolkit_final.pdf

Ward, Linda, Seen and Heard: Involving disabled children and young people in research and development projects. Joseph Rowntree Foundation, ISBN 1 899987 48 7, London, 1997.

With a good introduction to the key issues related to working with disabled children, this booklet includes a useful list of ethical guidelines and recommendations.

Available for purchase: www.jrf.org.uk/bookshop

Websites

At the Table

www.atthetable.org

At the Table provides resources and information on how to involve young people in decision making. The website has documents for downloading and links to agencies promoting youth participation in adult organizations.

Children as Partners

www.iicrd.org/cap/

CAP is a website designed by children and adults to promote meaningful partnerships. It contains publications, tools and research reports on children's participation.

Children's House

www.child-abuse.com/childhouse

This interactive resource centre has many sections on various child-related issues, such as child rights, research, early childhood development, education and so on.

Each section has some relevant resources on children's participation.



Children's Rights Alliance for England

www.crae.org.uk

CRAE is an alliance of over 320 organizations committed to children's rights. The website has a section called Ready Steady Change, which includes resources, publications and training tools on children's participation.

Children's and Young People's Participation Learning Network

www.uwe.ac.uk/solar/ChildParticipationNetwork/Home.htm

This network seeks to stimulate thinking, policy and practice concerning children's and young people's participation. The website offers sections on a range of aspects and links to other websites and to network members working on children's participation in the UK.

Child Rights Information Network (CRIN)

www.crin.org

CRIN is a global network that disseminates information about children's rights and participation. CRIN publishes a newsletter on children's rights and presents extensive information about children's rights and participation according to different themes. It also features previous issues of the newsletter on children's participation.

Media Activities and Good Ideas by, with and for Children (MAGIC)

www.unicef.org/magic/

The MAGIC website is for media initiatives aimed at involving young people. This site offers many resources for parents, children, teachers and others who involve children in media work. It has a useful resource section with downloads and links to other relevant sites.

Participation.net

www.pnet.ids.ac.uk/about.htm

Participation.net is a global, online space for sharing ideas about the participation of people in development, citizenship, governance and rights.

Participation Works

www.participationworks.org.uk

This web portal hosts comprehensive information on children's participation, with access to policy, practice, networks and information from across the UK.



Save the Children Alliance

www.savethechildren.net/alliance/index.html

The International Save the Children Alliance has 27 members and works in over 100 countries to protect the rights of children. The website contains links to member organizations and includes resources on children's participation, education, conflict, HIV/AIDS, emergencies, child abuse and exploitation. Among the members, Save the Children Canada, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and UK have extensive databases and resources on children's participation. Many materials are available online or for purchase.

Article 12

www.article12.org

Article 12 is a children's rights organization run by children younger than 18 for under-18-year-olds.

Carnegie Young People Initiative

www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/cypi/home

CYPI is an initiative of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, set up to increase the involvement of children and young people in decisions that affect them.

The website includes many useful resources on children's participation.

Participation Worker's Network for Wales

www.childreninwales.org.uk