

The use of Hear by Right is endorsed by West Berkshire Children & Young People's Trust

West Berkshire Children & Young People's Trust aims to ensure that all children & young people are given the opportunity, skills and support needed to actively participate in the design, delivery and evaluation of the services that they receive.

To enable the Trust to achieve its aim it has committed to using the Hear By Right standards. This allows practitioners across the Trust to use a common language and a consistent, co-ordinated approach to children & young people's participation.



*Children & young people are citizens living in the same areas, using the same services, with similar rights & responsibilities as other people. They have the right to be heard and involved in shaping and evaluating services that effect them.*

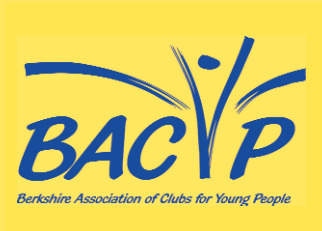
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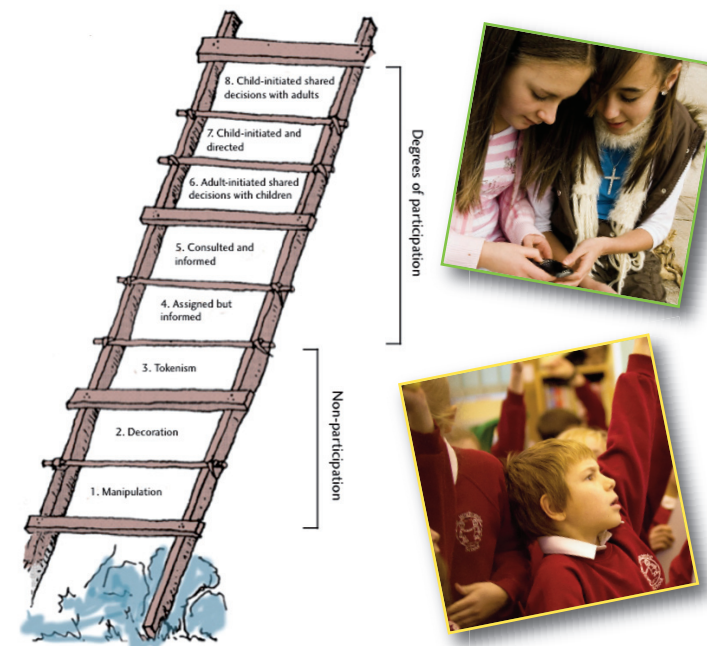
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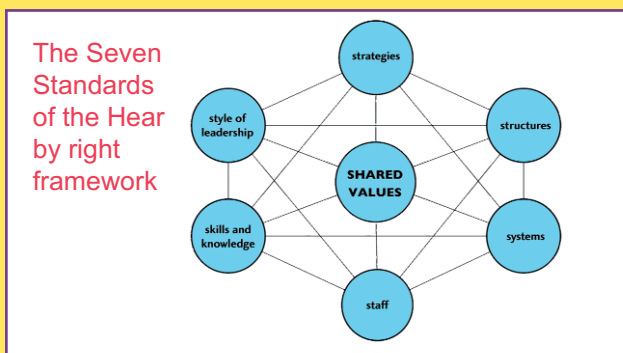


**A standards framework for the participation of children and young people**

## What is Hear By Right?

Hear By Right is a nationally recognised framework used for increasing the voice and influence of children & young people within organisations.

The framework is made up of seven standards that form a practical, evidence based model of how to achieve change in an organisation, showing how each relies on the other to move forward.



Using this flexible, self assessment tool will enable you to map your current level of children & young people's participation against the standards and will help you to create a plan for improvement.

### Why use Hear By Right ?

Legislation, policy and guidance documents require organisations that work directly or indirectly with children & young people to actively involve them in the services that they provide:

**UNCRC Article 12, Every Child Matters Children's Act 2004, West Berkshire's Children & Young Peoples Plan 2009-11.**

West Berkshire Children & Young People's Trust recognises that actively involving children & young people can present a challenge. It commends the **Hear By Right** as a valuable tool for embedding good practice and ensuring children & young people's participation is effective, meaningful and sustainable.

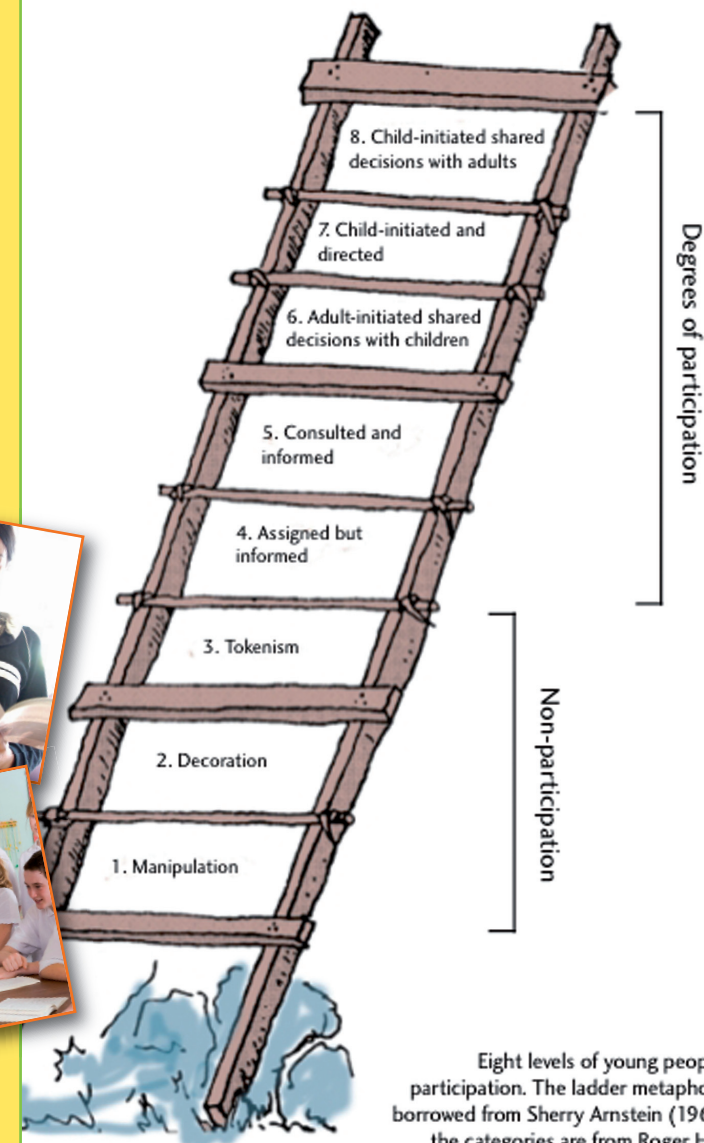
Hear By Right provides evidence of participation and improve policies and services by making them more effective, better targeted and well received.

### Who can use Hear By Right?

Hear By Right is widely used by Council's, Primary Care Trusts, Schools, Police, Housing Authorities and across the voluntary and community sector.

Hear By Right identifies that children and young peoples participation can vary and that levels of participation can be raised if appropriate.

West Berkshire Children & Young People's Trust are committed to achieving full Hear By Right Status. To support the Trust in achieving its aim, a dedicated worker will lead the development. Tanya Honor will be advising organisations on the implementation of Hear By Right.



## Ladder of Participation