



Lightning Talk

Let's Talk About Participation!

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“Lightning is caused by imbalances between storm clouds and the ground, or within the clouds themselves. Most lightning occurs within the clouds...” (NationalGeographic.com)

...sound familiar?!



About us

- + We are the national youth information and citizenship charity for Scotland
- + We provide young people with information, ideas and opportunities to help them make informed decisions and choices
- + We help young people to navigate the challenges they face as they grow up, particularly during times of transition.

Our mission

Is to support young people to make informed decisions and choices, connecting them to opportunities and empowering them to share and hold power in the design of services and policy.





Scotland's young people are a diverse and rich source of energy, creativity and talent. They recognise their responsibility in creating a better Scotland for everyone.



Our Co-design Service



System of Issues

Circular Economy

Digital Literacy

Health and Wellbeing

Smart Transport

Death

Climate Change

Transforming Learning

Decision Making in Prisons

Biodiversity

Employment & employability

Justice

Homelessness

Financial Capability

Heritage

Dementia

Hearing & Care System

Community Planning & Resilience

Alcohol

Relationships

Mental Health

Place Planning

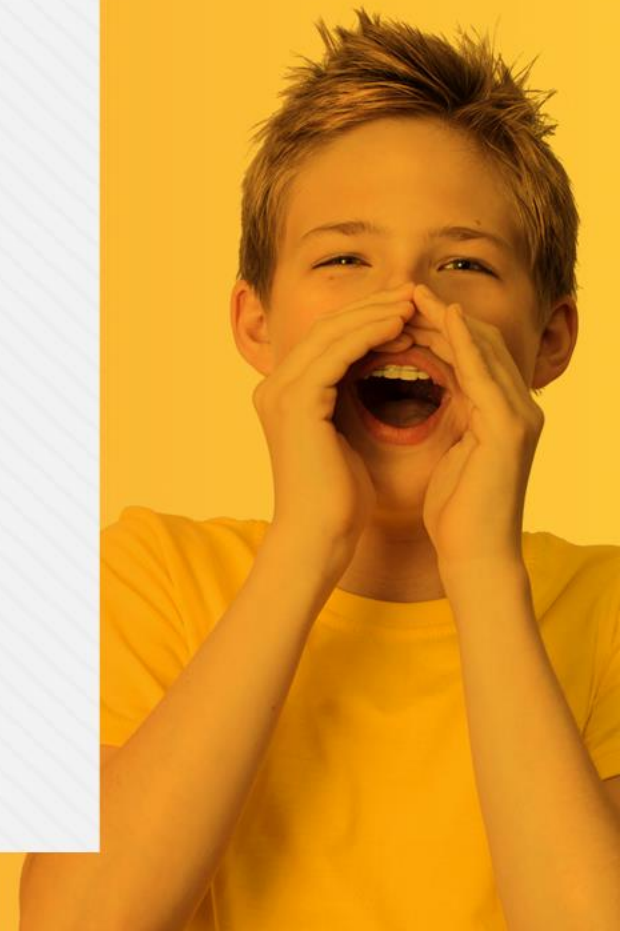
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Challenges

We all have responsibility to:

- + challenge our gatekeeping behaviours
- + show trust in young people to deliver valuable action across the policy/service development lifecycle (beyond insights, influence organisations and be collaborators in idea testing and implementation)
- + equip young people with the right skills and confidence to challenge decision-makers to adopt a more collaborative culture and respond more effectively to young people's needs
- + create a meaningful legacy...what does this mean in an uncertain world?



Opportunities

How can we:

- + give 'permission' to offer young people REAL learning experiences using life and societies tough challenges?
- + shake up power culture and organisational change?
- + provide a vehicle for prototyping a broader range of impactful ideas particularly with seldom-heard young people?
- + get beyond the usual suspects...how do we build confidence in those under-represented in decision-making, as leaders to shift power and drive change?
- + change the space/time continuum...how can we encourage decision makers to go to where young people are?





Our Service Evolution

We are working on:

- + exploring our fit and role within Scottish Approach to Service Design
- + creating a meaningful legacy for YoYP2018. Demonstrated a potential culture shift and the need to empower young leaders to create change in local and national communities.
- + challenging culture and behaviour to shift power to young people young people are equipped to create the change they want to see in Scotland
- + building courage in young people and decision makers for brave disruption and collective action in their own spaces and places
- + exploring young people's life cycle and what matters to them so we can be a platform for sharing their stories
- + remembering we're all human!





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