

Strengths and Gaps in Youth Voice and Participation Practice

Findings from the Centre for Youth Voice **Project Discovery Consultation Summary** January 2024

What youth voice capacity building resources are already being used in the sector?



Practitioners

Practitioners use some resources from other organisations

In general, there are a lack of resources

Some have own internal resources

There is a lack of training and support, particularly free to access support

What are the gaps in capacity building resources?



Practitioners

Resources to

support

evaluation

of youth voice

Standard resources e.g. definitions, youth

voice checklists

Resources to support funding applications

Guides on equity and engagement of

Engagement tools and guides

> Guidance on how to embed and resource youth voice

organisationally

underserved communities

Young people

Guidance on how to go about intergenerational governance Guidance on how organisations can work with young people in an authentic way

Capacity Building

Resources to support funding applications

How can we make capacity building resources more accessible?



Practitioners

Shared language

Ready-made resources and templates

Commonly used definitions



Young people

Shared language

Commonly used definitions

Diversity of platforms and modes of presentation



What research, evidence, and resources already exist and are being used in the sector?



Practitioners

Know of some commonly used models

Use resources from other organisations

Do not access academic research

Do not access evaluations

Young people

Do not know how to find research and evaluations

Know of some commonly used models

Use resources from some organisations

Research and Evidence





Practitioners

Demonstrating the impact of youth voice and participation work

Lack of youth-led research

Short term and longitudinal data



Young people

Evidence of the impact of youth voice and participation work at the individual level

Data and evidence that helps demonstrate the impact of youth voice



How can we make youth voice research and evidence more accessible?



Practitioners

Lack of free to access academic research

Centralised resources

Accessible resources with simple language and executive summaries

Further clarity on who has participated in research within papers



Young people

More simple bite-sized content in different formats

Communications and Storytelling

What stories should we be telling?



Stories of best practice

Stories of impact but also stories of failure

Resources to be able to do this work ethically and safely

Stories from people with diverse backgrounds

Youth-led storytelling



Young people

Amplifying individual stories

Stories of development and growth

Co-created stories with young people

Stories from people with diverse backgrounds

Resources to be able to do this work ethically



How would you like to see us tell these stories?



Need to reach a wider, diverse audience

Need to share across wider social media platforms

Need to use different formats such as short-form video content



Young people

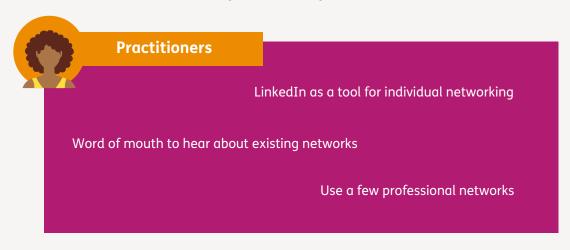
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Have young people tell these stories as they are good creators of content in different formats Need to share across wider social media platforms

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Networking

How do you currently network?



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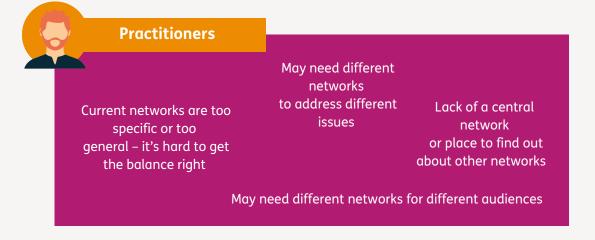
Young people

Instagram, TikTok and X used as spaces for networking

Occasional use of LinkedIn

Word of mouth to hear about existing networks

Do you have any unmet networking needs?





Young people

Conferences/events where there is a mix of young people and adults

Opportunity hub to find all youth voice opportunities

More workshops or conferences where young people can meet people in the field face-to-face

Advertise opportunities to different places, such as to schools