

Youth Investment Fund Quality Standards

Standard 1: Participation

Young people voluntarily and actively engage in participatory activity, supported by youth workers to ensure access to resources, knowledge, and opportunity. Young people are aware of the influence they have, and the positive impact participation has on their personal, social, and political development and the wider communities to which they belong.



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Good

- a. Structures, opportunities and support to enable young people to express their views and opinions.
- b. Youth workers support young people to recognise, realise and defend their rights ([National Occupational Standards for Youth Work](#)).
- c. Young people actively Participate in the co-design of the youth work programme and direction of the organisation.
- d. Youth work identifies, challenges, and removes barriers to Participation.
- e. Youth Work actively promotes the [Convention of the Rights of the Child](#)

Excellent

- a. Views and opinions are listened and responded to, clearly demonstrating how young people influence decision making and how power is shared equitably.
- b. Young people understand their rights and can advocate on behalf of other young people and respond to societal concerns in a local, national, or global context.
- c. Young people co-design the youth work strategy and direction of the organisation.
- d. Youth work empowers young people to respond to and challenge inequality and discrimination.
- e. Young people co-design safeguarding and risk management policy, procedures, and inform practice.