

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Participation Works launches ‘new’ redesigned website**

Participation Works, a consortium of six national children’s charities has today announced the launch of their new redesigned website; the Participation Works Gateway, [www.participationworks.org.uk](http://www.participationworks.org.uk) which will play a key role in supporting practitioners working with children and young people.

The redesigned website offers a range of essential tools and resources, including latest links to research and information in youth participation issues. It also acts as a platform for the development of a community, uniting anyone with an interest in youth participation across the country by sharing good practice ideas.

**Mandy Douglas, Head of Participation Works** said: ‘We are delighted to be launching this fantastic new resource. We have worked hard on the redesign of the Participation Works gateway achieving a fresh and modern new look as well as a user-friendly tool. Through the Gateway, we enable participation workers to access a wealth of information on participation issues and complement the free training courses we are offering. We would also encourage practitioners to sign up to our network.’

Participation Works enable organisations to effectively involve children and young people in the development, delivery and evaluation of services that affect their lives.

For more information about Participation Works, visit the Gateway at [www.participationworks.org.uk](http://www.participationworks.org.uk) or contact the enquiry service on 0845 603 6725 or [enquiries@participationworks.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@participationworks.org.uk)

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#### **Notes to editors**

- Participation Works enables organisations to effectively involve children and young people in the development, delivery and evaluation of the services that affect their lives.
- Participation Works is a consortium made up of the following six agencies: the British Youth Council, Children’s Rights Alliance for England, National Children’s Bureau, National Council for Voluntary Youth Services, Save the Children UK and The National Youth Agency.

- Participation Works offers: training and consultancy; a national network of participation workers (Participation Works Network for England); an enquiry service and an online Gateway that offers a wide selection of information and supporting resources on participation - [www.participationworks.org.uk](http://www.participationworks.org.uk)
- All courses are provided free to third sector organisations and a limited number of free statutory places are also available.
- Participation Works is funded by the Big Lottery Fund and the Department for Children, Schools and Families.

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