

Pro Forma for Participation Works Network for England regional case studies

Region: East of England	
Submitted by: Yannick Auckland Date of submission: March 2008	
The sector this case study is an example of:	
Voluntary sector activity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Statutory sector activity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Corporate sector activity	<input type="checkbox"/>
The themes this case study can be used to support (<i>tick all that apply</i>):	
Arts & creativity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Early Years	<input type="checkbox"/>
Faith	<input type="checkbox"/>
Funding	<input type="checkbox"/>
Governance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hard to reach groups	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inclusive practice	<input type="checkbox"/>
Learning & research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Measuring change	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online tools	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rights/citizenship	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safeguarding	<input type="checkbox"/>
Standards	<input type="checkbox"/>
Workforce development	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth-led project	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (<i>please specify</i>) - Decision making in local communities	
Name of project: PARC Project	
Contact information for further details: Young Lives Tel: 01480 494333 admin@younglives.org.uk	
Aims of the project: To involve 11 - 19 year olds in decision-making in rural communities	
Timeline for the project (expected start and finish date, if known): 2004 - 2007	
Please name any other organisations involved if this was a project developed as a partnership:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comic Relief • Electoral Commission 	
Who funded this project? Local Network Fund and Cambridge Youth Project	

How were children & young people involved in decision-making?

- Met parish councillors
- Chaired their own meeting
- Applied for funding
- Organised events activities
- Fed into parish plans
- Campaigned

What changes has children & young people's involvement led to?

- More involvement of children and young people in local communities
- Project rolled out to other areas
- Parish councils involving children and young people more effectively

What did children and young people involved in this work achieve from this experience?

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Participation Works wants to share your good practice to a wider audience to enable others to learn from your experience and develop their own participation practice.