

## Pro Forma for Participation Works Network for England regional case studies

<b>Region: London</b>	
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The sector this case study is an example of:	
Voluntary sector activity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Statutory sector activity <input type="checkbox"/>	
Corporate sector activity <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other ( <i>please specify</i> ) .....	
The themes this case study can be used to support ( <i>tick all that apply</i> ):	
Arts & creativity <input type="checkbox"/>	Learning & research <input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioning <input type="checkbox"/>	Measuring change <input type="checkbox"/>
Early Years <input type="checkbox"/>	Online tools <input type="checkbox"/>
Faith <input type="checkbox"/>	Rights/citizenship <input type="checkbox"/>
Funding <input type="checkbox"/>	Safeguarding <input type="checkbox"/>
Governance <input type="checkbox"/>	Standards <input type="checkbox"/>
Hard to reach groups <input type="checkbox"/>	Workforce development <input type="checkbox"/>
Health <input type="checkbox"/>	Youth-led project <input type="checkbox"/>
Inclusive practice <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other - involving young people in regeneration of the built environment	
<b>Name of project:</b> My City Too	
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<b>Aims of the project:</b> To work with young people in London to inspire them to take an active role in making better places and spaces in London.	
<b>Timeline for the project (expected start and finish date, if known):</b> 2007 - May 2008	

<p><b>Please name any other organisations involved if this was a project developed as a partnership:</b> none</p>
<p><b>Who funded this project?</b> Abbey Charitable Trust, Arts Council, CABE, DFES, Harrow Council, Gatesby Charitable Foundation, Make Architects, Mediabox, Pollard Thomas Edwards.</p>
<p><b>How many young people were involved?</b> Over 100 with over 1000 giving their views via a survey</p>
<p><b>How were children &amp; young people involved in decision-making?</b> Young people from the campaign created a citywide survey to find out other young people's ideas for making better spaces and places in London.</p>
<p><b>What changes has children &amp; young people's involvement led to?</b> Doesn't say – but is intended to inform future discussion/decision on London's Urban Environment, &amp; development/regeneration plans</p>
<p><b>What did children and young people involved in this work achieve from this experience?</b> Doesn't say – but YP will use film, web etc to gather views of other YP, produce Manifesto for the 2008 Mayoral Elections and debate with the main candidates</p>
<p><b>What next for the project?</b> Looking for partners, funders etc for phase 2 – Young Urban Planners Forum will pioneer a new and more sustainable approach to youth participation</p>
<p><b>Quotes from staff, management, children, parents/ carers:</b> Young people involved in the campaign</p> <p><i>“We can't vote-yet-but it is our city to! We can help improve places and spaces and we'll use and respect them more if we've been asked.”</i></p> <p><i>“ I want to learn about how young people can put forward their views” I want to be involved so I can make a change, make a difference, make my voice heard”</i></p> <p><i>'A lot of adults don't trust young people. They are suspicious of us and they feel threatened by groups of us hanging out together. I want to be free of those prejudices, and this project is one way to start changing people's opinion.'</i></p>

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