

Guide to involving children in CRIA and CRIE

Activity 4: Megaphones

Aim: to explore with children:

- how children currently have their say in the area
- the ideas they have for improving participation across the local authority
- the barriers to children's participation that adults need to think about and overcome?

Resources: printouts of a megaphone template (optional), coloured pens or pencils.

This is an activity for individuals.

Instructions:

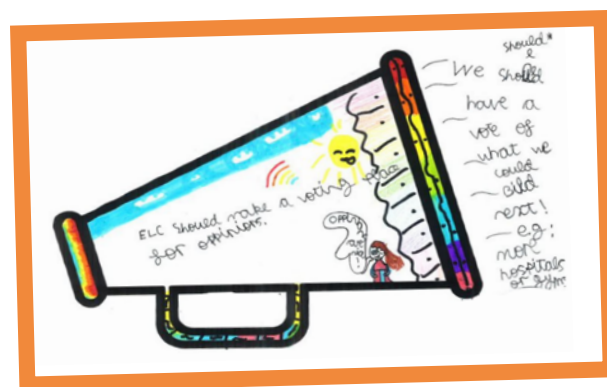
- Give each child a blank megaphone template.
- Working individually or in pairs or groups, ask children to think about all the ways they currently have to participate in their local area and to write or draw them on the megaphone.
- You might need to give or ask for some reminders about what you mean by participation – for example, having your voice heard, having opportunities to have your say and to share your opinions and ideas, helping to make decisions.
- You might ask children to highlight the ones they feel work best or to comment on things that don't work.
- Facilitate a discussion about all the ways children can participate.
- You can probe further by asking more about the examples that have been given.

Suggested 'script':

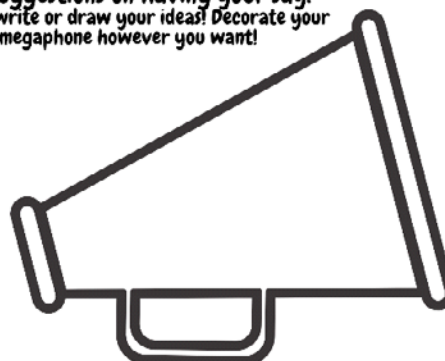
'Children have the right to have their say on decisions being made to develop a new policy, law or service. They also have the right to share feedback on when there are issues with a policy, law or service for children.'

'We want to hear about:

- all the different ways you can currently share your views and ideas with, for example, your local council
- whether you think these ways work for everyone
- your amazing ideas for how children can share their views, ideas and feedback – the more detail the better!



Fill out the megaphone with your ideas and suggestions on having your say. You can write or draw your ideas! Decorate your megaphone however you want!



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