

Practitioner barriers to young people's participation

Barrier type – Accessibility

These barriers were identified at the Making Participation Work Practitioner Conference in October 2022. Methods of overcoming came from fellow practitioners and young people who are part of The Collective

Include expectations for accessibility of information in the request process for services wanting YP voice

Keep it simple with short sentences, free from jargon



Keep It Short & Simple



Barrier – Accessibility of information (and responsibility for this)

If something is made accessible for YP – it's also accessible to others so is very valuable

Use supporting images (but be careful not to over do it with them) to help add meaning to the words. These could be from easy read or a symbols package, but could be from an online search

Get support from the wider community to produce materials e.g., community groups helping produce BSL and other alternative language versions, media students helping to produce videos



Offer virtual and remote options



Think about public transport options near to the venue, including timetables for when you'll be running



Barrier – Inaccessible space (Location, transport and space)

Remember to leave plenty of clear space between tables and chairs



Consider parking options (particularly for those who need to use disabled spaces)

Work in partnership with schools and community venues to meet in accessible spaces



Turn over for more barriers and tips to help get over them



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