

Power Hour

This write-up shares information from Power Hour 1, which took place during the Collective Get Together 2023 and has been shared with DfE

We talked about the participation that young people have been doing in their areas including:

- SEND Review
- Staff recruitment
- Trustee interviews
- OFSTED
- Local area participation strategy
- Mental health
- SEND youth forums
- Local area audits e.g. museums, libraries
- Careers policy
- NHS
- Safe places and sensory environments
- Youth parliament
- Local offer



...and so much more!!!

Young people in The Collective have been involved in some brilliant work – here are some highlights

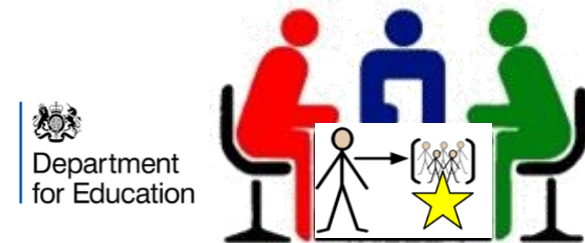
- Overcoming barriers factsheets (for practitioners and young facilitators)– Practitioners’ barriers were grouped into key themes, which we worked with young people and practitioners to find ways to overcome. The final designs were co-produced by young people and practitioners.
- Participation group audit tool – Collective staff supported young people to draw out key areas that they felt were important for participation groups. The audit tool is designed for young people to use to evaluate their participation group.

- Careers policy unit – Young people talked about careers education, information, advice and guidance including creating more accessible definitions as well as sharing their experiences.
- Working together – Young people told DfE how important the 2-way information flow between young people, parents/carers, practitioners and decision makers is when making changes in policy
- Tailored lists – Young people shared areas that they felt were important and should be included. Young people felt that tailored lists could be helpful, but only if they contain the right settings and information.
- Transitions – Young people have highlighted this on multiple occasions as an important area and have shared many ideas for ways that transitions could be better supported.
- Co-production – The Collective worked alongside practitioners to create the FUNdamentals of co-production. These were shared as a factsheet, but we are asking young people how to share this wider.

A message from Department for Education (DfE)

They thanked young people for all their input, and shared that the information gathered helps them to shape their work and move forwards. Co-production (working together) is really important, so they have started to roll out training to different teams about ‘what it is and its importance’.

DfE also said that they know how important it is to give feedback to young people, letting them know how any information is being used. They are developing processes to do this more effectively and meaningfully.



Our 1st Collective Achievement Awards were presented!

These celebrate young people's involvement and participation in The Collective's work, including Making Participation Work development work.

The group participation superstars award went to **Shout Out for Change**.

As a group they've attended and sent extra feedback on every power hour and do lots more outside of the sessions. Members from Shout Out for Change also supported with the development and delivery of training to multiple local authorities.



The individual participation superstar award was given to **Carly**.

Carly has been involved in participation for several years and noticed a drop off in services at 25. She has set up her own group, supporting individuals 20 years and over to help transition into adulthood and services. She also volunteers with her local participation group, encouraging and supporting young people to share their experiences, thoughts, and opinions.

