

## **CYL Children and Young People Participation Policy**

'Children and young people, who are capable of forming views, have the right to receive and make know information, to express an option and to have that opinion taken into account in any matters affecting them. The views of the child should be given due weight according to age, maturity and capability of the child.'

(Articles 12&13, The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child).

Any plans must have taken into account the views of the child/young person and those who are significant in their lives- this is paramount to effective practice.

All users should have the opportunity to their planning meetings and attend these unless they have requested not to (when their wishes will be expressed by their preferred, responsible representative).

'All children and young people have a right to have their views taken into account in decisions about their education. Involving them in decision-making enriches their learning and helps to identity life skills such as problem-solving and negotiation.'

(Removing Barriers to Achievements, DFES 2004).