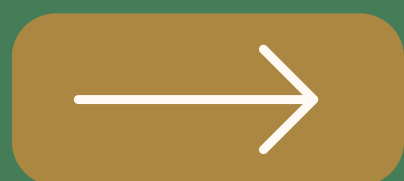


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Adapted from Roger Hart's Ladder of Participation (1992). Original concept: Children's Participation from Tokenism to Citizenship. Florence: UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre

LET'S CLIMB THE LADDER!



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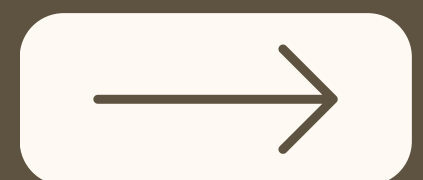
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Manipulation

**YPWUD ARE DIRECTED TO
PARTICIPATE IN
ACTIVITIES WITHOUT
UNDERSTANDING THEIR
PURPOSE OR IMPACT ON
DRUG POLICIES**

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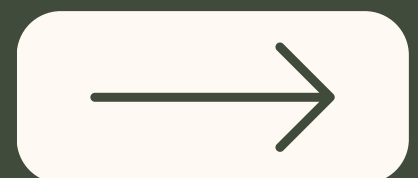
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Decoration

**YPWUD ARE INVITED TO
EVENTS OR CAMPAIGNS
BUT HAVE NO INPUT ON
HOW THESE ARE
PLANNED OR EXECUTED**

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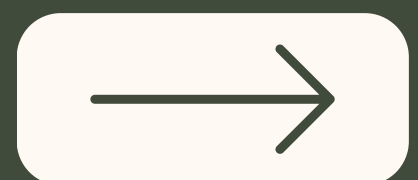
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Tokenism

**YPWUD ARE CONSULTED
SUPERFICIALLY, WITH
MINIMAL OPPORTUNITY FOR
GENUINE FEEDBACK ON
HEALTH PROMOTION
STRATEGIES**

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Assigned, but Informed

YPWUD UNDERSTAND THE
PURPOSE OF INITIATIVES AND
HAVE DEFINED ROLES, BUT
DECISIONS ARE STILL MADE
BY ADULTS/PROFESSIONALS

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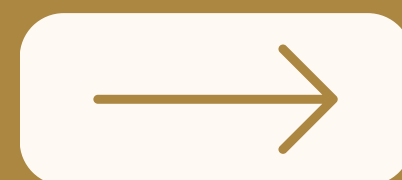
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Consulted and Informed

YPWUD ARE ACTIVELY CONSULTED ON THEIR HEALTH PROMOTION INITIATIVES AND INFORMED HOW THEIR INPUT SHAPES DECISIONS

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Adult Initiated, Shared Decisions

PROFESSIONALS INITIATE
PROGRAMS BUT SHARE DECISION-
MAKING WITH YPWUD ON
IMPLEMENTATION AND
EVALUATION

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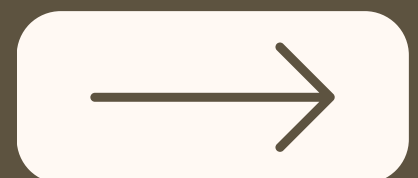
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YPWUD Initiated and Directed

YPWUD DESIGN AND LEAD
THEIR OWN HEALTH
PROMOTION INITIATIVES WITH
MINIMAL PROFESSIONAL
SUPPORT

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YPWUD Initiated, Shared Decisions

YPWUD INITIATE AND LEAD
PROGRAMS, WORKING AS EQUAL
PARTNERS WITH PROFESSIONALS
IN ALL ASPECTS OF DECISION-
MAKING

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**True participation
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