

SHAPING PARTICIPATION



Woodcraft Folk
Education for Social Change



Sharing practice
for a stronger
youth-led future

Please ensure you have signed up for all workshop and discussion sessions.

9:00	Arrivals and Registration -Tea and coffee available	
10:00	Welcome and Introduction Susanne Rauprich – <i>NCVYS CEO</i> Jon Nott – <i>Woodcraft Folk General Secretary</i>	Hosts Louis Howell – <i>Young Facilitator (London)</i> Esther Price – <i>Woodcraft Folk member</i>
10:30	Workshops 1. Engaging young people in employment to deliver services 2. Youth-led social change – a resource 3. How a peer-supported youth committee works	Discussions 1. Global Participation 2. Developing youth participation in an ageing society
11:30	Break	
12:00	Workshops 4. Engaging young people with more complex needs 5. How to reach young people in disadvantaged communities 6. Democracy in a self-organising youth movement	Discussions 3. NHS Updates 4. Working across networks
13:00	Lunch	
14:00	Workshops 7. Youth-led social enterprise 8. Youth-led community projects 9. Developing a formal structure for young peoples participation	Discussions 5. Engaging the student movement in participation 6. Overcoming barriers to participation
15:00	Speaker Bill Badham Co-Director of Practical Participation Open Discussion Session and Closing Remarks The hosts will facilitate a discussion/debate with delegates, picking up on key points and outcomes from the day as well as looking at how we move forward.	
16:00	Optional Networking	

Workshop Details

<p>Workshop 1 "Engaging young people in Employment to deliver services" <i>Sefton Young Advisors - YPA Winners</i></p>	<p>Our workshop explores the positive impacts of engaging young people in employment, as a way of maximising the contribution to their society in a positive and rewarding way and to highlight the importance of valuing them for their expertise and knowledge of being a young person in their community.</p>
<p>Workshop 2 "Youth-led social change – a resource" <i>Practical Participation</i></p>	<p>This workshop will be to introduce <i>Leading for the Future</i> - how it works and how you can use it with children and young people to promote effective leadership and youth activism. <i>Leading for the Future</i> was built with young people to contribute to a growing movement of children and young people as activists, champions and leaders of change, challenging the stultifying ideas of youth leadership being about how to perform in adult organisations, manage board meetings and stand on worthy platforms.</p>
<p>Workshop 3 "How a peer-supported youth committee works" <i>Venturer Committee, Woodcraft Folk</i></p>	<p>13-15 year olds in Woodcraft Folk established their own national committee, with support from 16-20 year old members. Come along to learn how this works in practice, how they set up the group, how its funded and how they are supported. Followed by a chance to discuss key questions and learning for your organisation.</p>
<p>Workshop 4 "Engaging young people with more complex needs" <i>Regional Youth Work Unit – Change UR Mind</i></p>	<p>This workshop will focus on the achievements of Change UR Mind, and will aim - through interaction - to ask the audience some key questions in relation to engaging young people with complex needs. With a focus on mental health, we will explore how to support young people in decision making, and influencing decision makers within the health and social care system.</p>
<p>Workshop 5 "How to reach young people in disadvantaged communities" <i>Keyfund</i></p>	<p>Young people from lower socioeconomic backgrounds achieve disproportionately less in life. We need to even the playing field. This workshop will consider the myth that young people's levels of aspirations are linked to their socio economic status and will delve into ways of engaging and empowering young people to identify and grasp the opportunities available to them.</p>
<p>Workshop 6 "Democracy in a self-organising youth movement" <i>District Fellows, Woodcraft Folk</i></p>	<p>Join in with a Silly Election and be immersed in the autonomous decision-making practices of Woodcraft Folk's 16 – 20 year olds. Find out what tools and resources they use for group discussion and consensus decisions, and what has kept them going for over 25 years.</p>
<p>Workshop 7 "Youth-Led social enterprise" <i>Canal Boat Adventure Project</i></p>	<p>The Canal Boat Adventure Project will engage delegates in developing a plan to enable young people to engage adult decision makers in a young person's mental health service in a process of listening to young people; they will be encouraged to bring about radical changes in the way this poorly performing service is delivered.</p>
<p>Workshop 8 "Youth-led Community Projects" <i>Woodcraft Folk</i></p>	<p>Young members of Harlow Woodcraft Folk will share the community project they ran with support from the national organisation. Find out first hand through the activities they run how the process of applying for, planning and running a project can be successfully navigated by 10-16 year olds and result in a geo-caching event for the community – and do some geo-caching.</p>
<p>Workshop 9 "Developing a formal structure for YP's Participation" <i>Young Peoples Charter for Arts and Culture</i></p>	<p>What is the purpose and benefit of developing a young people's charter and how would you go about it? This session will be lead by the Young Peoples Charter for Arts and Culture Group and aims to equip delegates with the knowledge and guidance to develop a chartered within their own organisation.</p>

Discussion Details

Discussion sessions will take place in the 'Open café' space. These informal discussion sessions will provide an opportunity for organisations with a common interest in the discussion topic to come together and explore the area of work and build on others advice and experience. Delegates are invited to bring along their own examples of successes and challenges in this area and contribute to the debate.

Discussion 1 Global Participation	YCare international will introduce this discussion session with their own experience of supporting young people's participation in global youth work.
Discussion 2 Developing youth participation in an ageing society	Lynne Berry the Chair at Commission on Ageing and the Voluntary Sector will be looking at how to develop participation in an ageing society. Lynn will introduce this discussion session with her own experience of the impacts of living in an ageing society
Discussion 3 Helping you understand recent NHS changes	Kath Evans, the head of patient experience for maternity, new-borns, children and young people, will open a discussion on the recent changes in the NHS. Exploring what has changed and what this could mean for young people's participation, this session is for those with an interest in participation and the health services.
Discussion 4 Working across networks	The National Council for Voluntary Youth Services, Woodcraft Folk and the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs will introduce this discussion session with their own experience of supporting young people's participation whilst working across networks.
Discussion 5 Engaging the student movement in participation	ECO Northumbria Students Union will introduce this discussion session with their own experience of supporting young people's participation in a Student-led environmental volunteering program.
Discussion 6 Overcoming barriers to young people's participation	The National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs will open a discussion on how to overcome barriers to young people's participation, using examples of their practice in rural youth work.