

# Principles to Enable Effective Youth Participation

- ❑ enable fun, challenge and excitement;
- ❑ allow participation by choice;
- ❑ avoid pigeonholing of young men and women and generalising about their behaviour, opinions or ideas;
- ❑ maximise the opportunity of success through adequate provision of information, training, support, resources, time and space;

- ❑ address opportunities, needs and issues that are valued and respected by young people, their peers and the community;
- ❑ start with the talents, capacities, assets and skills of young people, rather than their problems and deficiencies;
- ❑ involve young men and women from the start;

- ❑ create opportunities for young women and men to lead \ and teach;
- ❑ maximise decision making and accountability by young people;
- ❑ develop young peoples awareness of the social, political, economic, cultural and personal aspects of the issues affecting them;
- ❑ make sense of, and demystify adult structures and processes;

- ❑ build active and supportive working relationships between young people and other members of the community;
- ❑ provide opportunities for training and skill development; and
- ❑ encourage opportunities to reflect and analyse their experiences.

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