

Resources for youth engagement and being youth led in community development

Voice and engagement

- National Youth Agency – linked to the government youth transformation project/
Oxfordshire Youth research
 - <https://nya.org.uk/youth-participation-framework/>
- Training for UN staff on meaningfully engaging young people.
<https://communityfirstoxon.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/Meaningfully-engaging-youth-Guidance-training-UN-staff.pdf>
- Hear by Right (organisational self assessment tool)
 - <https://nya.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Hear-by-Right-June-2024.pdf>
- Recipes for engagement (for younger children). A set of exercises and activities to use:
https://communityfirstoxon.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/recipes_for_engagement_2018.pdf

Social Action

- Iwill, youth social action:
 - <https://www.iwill.org.uk/>
 - Accessibility in social action: <https://communityfirstoxon.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/iwill-Fund-Top-tips-on-how-to-make-youth-social-action-more-accessible.pdf>
 - resources: <https://www.iwill.org.uk/resources/>
- Transition network guide on how to encourage / enable young people to take part in social action: <https://communityfirstoxon.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/Transition-Guidance-on-Engaging-and-Including-Young-People.pdf>

Volunteering

- How to engage YPs in volunteering, NCVO:
 - <https://www.ncvo.org.uk/help-and-guidance/involving-volunteers/supporting-and-managing-volunteers/engaging-young-people/>

Planning

- Town and Country Planning Association, Voice, Opportunity, Power initiative and toolkit. Involving young people in the making and managing of their neighbourhoods:
 - <https://www.tcpa.org.uk/resources/youth-engagement-in-planning-regeneration-and-neighbourhood-management-voice-opportunity-power/>
 - <https://www.voiceopportunitypower.com/>

Intergenerational

- There are some interesting ideas for intergenerational sessions developed by Care UK:
 - <https://www.careuk.com/company/care-uk-campaigns/generations-of-change>
- Creative Youth Network:
 - <https://www.creativeyouthnetwork.org.uk/pages/category/creative-resource-pack>

Health

- Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health guidance for health professionals but with some useful general principles and resources:
<https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/engaging-children-young-people>
 - Engaging young people guidance: <https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/engaging-children-young-people/how>
 - Ideas: https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2018-09/recipes_for_engagement_2018.pdf
- Mental health support in Oxfordshire for young people:
<https://communityfirstoxon.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/YiM-GUIDE-2020-OXMIND-HYPERLINKS-3.pdf>

Research

- A report based on a series of Breakfast Conversations across Oxfordshire about “Hearing the Young Unheard.” Bringing together insights from practitioners, volunteers, professionals and community leaders who work with young people in different local contexts across Oxfordshire. https://communityfirstoxon.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/Conference_report_sherrif_.pdf
- London Development Trust, Investigating Young People’s Social and Cultural Infrastructure. Report from the LDT focus group that we organised with young people from The Hill and Distraction Youth. We have a set of the focus group cards:
 - <https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/publications/investigating-young-peoples-social-and-cultural-infrastructure/>