

Making Participation Work



**Nottinghamshire
County Council**



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**Nottinghamshire:
Authentic voices of children and
young people with SEND**

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The support provided to Nottinghamshire was delivered through the Department for Education funded Participation, Information and Advice Contract which KIDS delivers alongside consortium partners CDC, the NNPCF, and Contact.

A representative from KIDS¹ worked with Nottinghamshire's co-production officer to develop and deliver a support package that met the acknowledged needs of the area (as identified below in the support overview).

Nottinghamshire Support overview:

- 1. Guidance and support to develop a model of engagement with children and young people with SEND in Nottinghamshire**
- 2. Produce a video to be shared back to children and young people with SEND regarding what we did with their views**

The first element of the offer was to give guidance and practical support around the developing model of engagement in Nottinghamshire. Initiating work across educational settings but developing the understanding of offering opportunities for a wider cohort to be heard, working with key practitioners who support across the settings to ensure accessibility of the activity. The model must ensure a continuous feedback loop and KIDS created a short video for those who have engaged in the on-going voices work including; what the LA want to achieve, what they have heard from YP, what they have done, what they want to do next etc. This has been shared across the area. Link to video - <https://youtu.be/2NSJATM5c08>

- 3. Deliver an event with practitioners from across the locality to share current practice regarding participation, hear voices of 280 already gathered, and collectively develop further opportunities to hear the voices of children and young people with SEN across Nottinghamshire.**

The final element of support was facilitating a face-to-face session with practitioners from across the locality to better understand the current picture within Nottinghamshire and the potential development opportunities around the voices of children and young people with SEND. This was co-produced with the SEND Co-production officer and co-delivered with young people from the Collective. There were representatives from the local authority, health, education, parent carer forums and the voluntary sector with approximately 50 people including operational staff and strategic leaders.

Across all elements, KIDS engaged local young people with SEND, to ensure authentic voices were heard. A video was created to give local young people with SEND opportunity to be heard during this session. Link to video - <https://youtu.be/hRPoT9gHoIY> Information about the support and content is in the subsequent sections of this report.

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