

Making Participation Work



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Solihull: Promotion of SEND youth participation



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The support provided to Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council was enabled through the Department for Education funded Participation, Family Support and Advice Contract. Kids delivers this alongside consortium partners CDC, the NNPCF, and Contact.

A representative from Kids¹ worked with Solihull's participation officer to develop and deliver a support package that met the acknowledged needs of the area (as identified below in the support overview).

Solihull's Support overview:

1. Identify mechanisms for area wide promotion of participation opportunities.
2. Develop videos.

Information about the support and content is in the subsequent sections of this report.

2.1 Recommendations

Throughout this report we have made recommendations based on the development and outcomes of the session, combined with over 7 years' experience working on participation with local authorities across England.

Recommendation 1: *Videos should be shared across Solihull media, local offer and within education, health and social care provisions for young people.*

Recommendation 2: *Embed parent/carer and practitioners' video on hearing the voice of SEND young people into staff training.*

KIDS would like to maintain contact with the local area, being kept informed of progress against the above recommendations.

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