



**Quote from a young person:**

People think we are less mature than we actually are. We can make decisions for ourselves.



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Listening to  
children and  
young people

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## About us

Lancashire Participation Services is a service that is commissioned by Lancashire County Council and currently consists of the following groups:

Lancashire's Children in Care Council  
Named **LINC**  
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Council named **POWAR**

Article 12 (Respect for the views of the child): When adults are making decisions that affect children, children have the right to say what they think should happen and have their opinions taken into account

## Children and Young People's Views

The most important issue that comes across from children and young people is the fact that they want to be involved in the decision making process.

Have Professionals working with children and young people to communicate with them effectively

Make sure that you feedback to young people if the decision that they have made cannot go ahead

### Actions are better than words

When working with children and young people you need to be able take action as well as listening to them.

This will make them feel included. An example of this could be:

A young person who is in care is having a placement move that they don't want, you need to be able to tell the young person the reasons why they have to move.

## Useful Tips

- Listen to young people
- Act upon Actions that have been agreed
- Communicate with young people effectively
- Be there for the young person and treat them as a person and not a name on a piece of paper.

