

Our Children and Young People's Participation Strategy

'Child voice is not enough' - Laura Lundy (2007)

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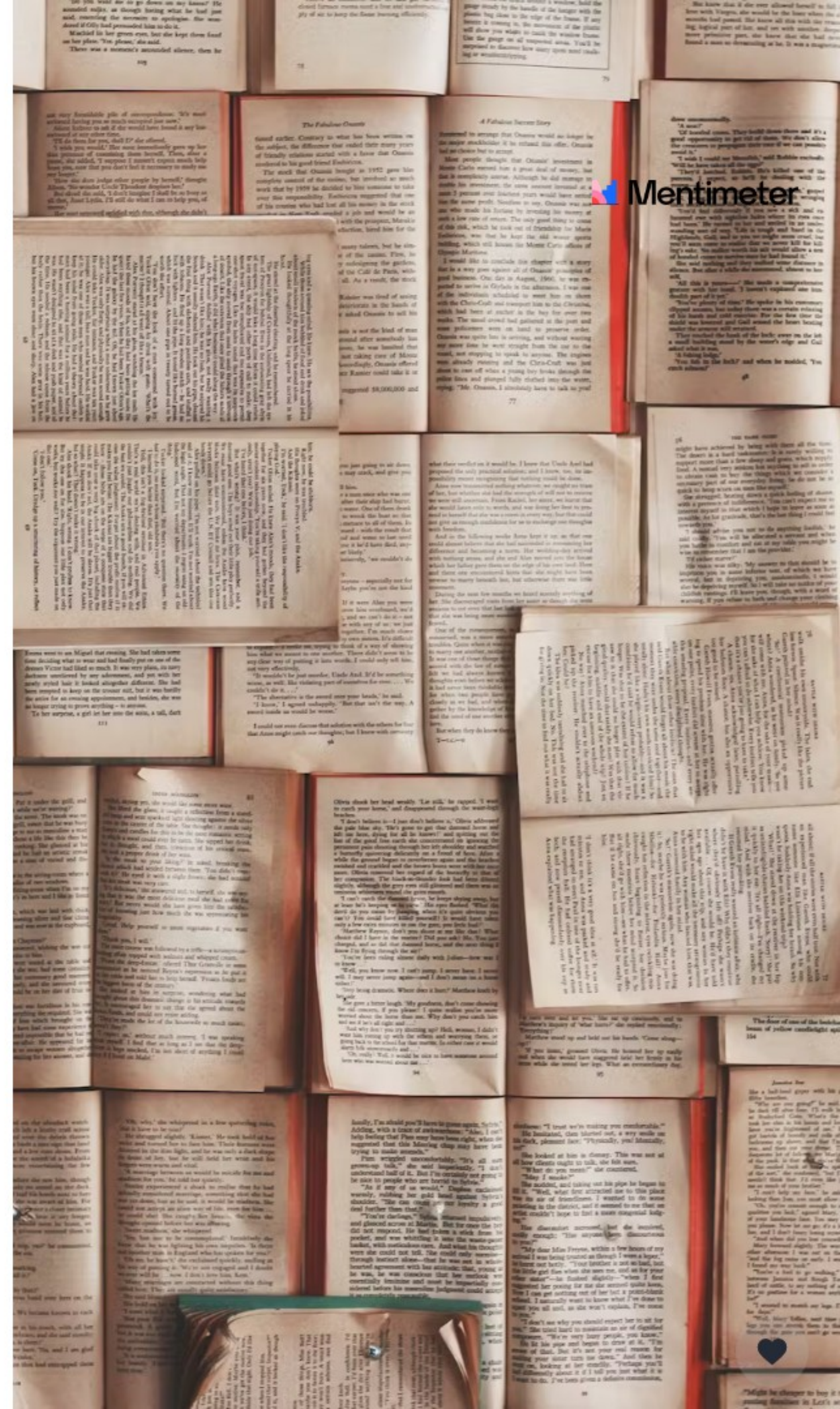
Why do we need a Participation Strategy?

- To consolidate our approach to participation
- To clarify a shared understanding of common language associated with participation
- Fundamental aspect of practice across services working with children and young people
- To develop consistency across services in a shared professional commitment
- To develop and support lots of good work (or good intentions) already happening!
- To provide a framework whereby services can evaluate and develop their practice and capture impact
- My role is then to support services and advise partners on the implementation of this Strategy



Contents of the Strategy

- Purpose of the Strategy
- UN Convention of the Rights of the Child and the Lundy Model
- A definition of what Participation is (inc. consultation, co-production and child-led practices)
- Principles of how we'll conduct Participation with children and young people
- Different 'spheres' of Participation (individual, operational and strategic)
- Benefits for children and young people and us as an organisation
- Our more formalised groups and structures for Participation



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**RESPECT FOR
CHILDREN'S VIEWS**

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 12 (respect for the views of the child)
Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.





Participation in balance with all other rights of children





The Lundy Model - Professor Laura Lundy (University of Belfast)



How can we use Lundy's model to develop the Corporate Parenting Board?

16 Answers

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Think about where meetings held, accessible, young people friendly. Different ways of communicating and offering info variety formats

Choice in venue for their meeting such as health appointments

What skills or career opportunities can we share with young people

By giving our young people the space to feel safe and to express their views. To be able to say where we as an authority are getting it right, not getting it right and where we can do better.

Use a Corporate Parenting Board Roadshow model where we take the meeting to different locations across Lancashire

Voice- lets consult with all of our children and young people about what is important to them - how can we support our LINX/ CL groups to do this ?

Engagement weekends

Name badges (with roles) for those on the board

Feed into newsletters

have views given due weight

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Children who dont want to attend CPB, can they be supported to film a video or write a letter to share their views

Let young people submit their comments, queries and concerns remotely to the meeting without attendance

County hall- is it a good space for the board ?

Officers and young people need to mix on the tables

Young people being able to submit questions prior to the board if they don't want to (or can't) attend

Can we think about QR codes to seek feedback?

We want our young people to challenge us and to inform our planning

The right to have views given due weight

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