



Hear My Voice Is a way to engage young people in community action and political participation.

Local authorities have a responsibility to consult with young people, and **Hear My Voice** ensures this is more than a tokenistic gesture.

The idea is simple, where young people have been asked opinions, been consulted, or have identified an issue important to them, they attend the meeting where the issue is being discussed (e.g. council finance committee), and wear a **Hear My Voice** placard (with the above logo) to remind decision makers to keep young people's views in mind.

Case Study

"In a town in East Devon a group of young people were part of a project raising money for a skate, scooter + BMX park. The council had a pot of £20k reserved for sports equipment (contributed to by those building in the town). The council were unsure about releasing funds for a skate park – so 15 young people sat in on the council meeting when they discussed the public consultation. The council agreed to award them £15,200 which means the next stage of the project can go ahead"

Hear My Voice is a campaign with the ethos of Community Organising – it is about facilitating a movement of young people, both locally and nationally, to stand up for the things that concern them.

As a Streetspace Project, you have access and support to implement this project in your local area; and to participate in wider campaigns across the UK and Streetspace Network. **Hear My Voice** works best out of the context of an M+M's or Community Empowerment group; and will work well in conjunction with stages 6 – 9 of the Detached Youth Work process.

If you are interested in using the **Hear My Voice** process in your community, and would like access to placards and advice, please contact the Streetspace Hub.