

## WHAT IS "OUR SAY?"

It is a document about children's rights and responsibilities, written by young people for young people. It tells adults what we expect from them when they involve us in things and what we need to do in return.

This charter applies to everybody up to the age of 19 living in Dorset.

# OUR SAY... RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES



## HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

We want children, young people and organisations who work with them to sign up for 'our say'. It is so easy to show your support; for more information, or to sign up, please contact:

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## THANK YOU!

This leaflet can be made available in audio tape, large print and Braille, or alternative languages on request.

*created by young people for young people*



# OUR RIGHTS

*We want Adults.....*



- **Not to judge us**
- To provide us with transport or cover our costs and expenses
- **To make documents young-people friendly**
- To value us as you would value other adults; don't patronise us!
- **To let us know about any decisions that are taken and being honest**
- If appropriate, to provide us with food and drink and some time to enjoy it
- **To make us feel welcome – think about the venues you use**
- To give us recognition for our hard work; maybe a gift voucher, certificate or letter of thanks
- **To give us preparation time. Adults should take responsibility for how to do this**
- To give us the training and support we need to help us take part
- **To use a range of activities that meet the needs of children and young people**
- Once you have involved us, keep us informed about any decisions that affect us and any outcomes or feedback
- **To use a range of different ways we can have our say so we can choose one we feel comfortable with**
- Always try to involve us in the beginning of the process
- **If you involve us then listen to what we have to say and take it on board**
- To explain to us why we are being involved
- **To be consistent and reliable**
- Make arrangements so children and young people from different groups, ages and backgrounds can be involved

# OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

*children & Young People...*

- **Won't judge adults by age or appearance**
- **Won't misuse transport so we keep the costs down**
- **Will make sure we turn up; be reliable**
- Will show respect to adults, children and young people and the environment we are in
- **Will be sensible about our opinions and think about and be sensitive to other children and young people**
- **Will do our best to fully participate**
- **Will come prepared**
- **Will use any information wisely and responsibly**
- **Will understand that both adults and children and young people have the responsibility to be realistic in what can be achieved**
- **Will be patient and listen to all opinions**
- **Will do our best to get along with each other and not offend anybody**

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