

TÚSLA

An Ghníomhaireacht um
Leanaí agus an Teaghlach
Child and Family Agency



Child & Youth Participation Awards

Awards Application

Name of organisation

Title of project/participation
experience for evaluation

Name of Contact person:

Address:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

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Many projects and services are doing good, high quality participation work with children and young people and building this into their practice. The Child and Youth Participation Awards (CYPA) are open to Tusla/Tusla funded projects or services that can show that they are doing this work.

There are four assessment criteria for the CYPA. These are based on the Lundy Model of Child and Youth Participation (2007). Services or projects will need to show that their work meets these criteria in an age-appropriate way.

- 1. Space:** Children have a space to express their views. 'Space' includes physical space as well as enough information, time and support for all children to take part. A good space will allow the children to feel safe and comfortable in telling you what they want, need, feel and think.
- 2. Voice:** Children must have the chance to give their views on decisions that affect them if they want to, however small or big these decisions are. Children must be given a choice about what they want to express their views on and how they want to do this. Adults should support this.
- 3. Audience:** Children's views must be listened to and considered. The adults listening should tell them what they will do with their views. Children should know who else will hear their views, how their views will be shared, and what might change.
- 4. Influence:** Children must get feedback on what happened or changed because of their views. Projects and services must support the children to give feedback on how their views were heard and used.

What is a Child and Youth Participation award?

The Child and Youth Participation Award recognises good quality work by services and projects in supporting children's decision-making. The award is given to those who show that they have met the four criteria above.

What does this Award mean for children, services, organisations and projects?

- Each child and young person who take part in the work will get a certificate of participation.
- Services, organisations or projects will get a two-year certificate of good practice.
- The work of the organisations will be recognised and highlighted by sharing their achievement on the Child and Youth Participation pages of the Tusla Hub and the Tusla website.
- They can use the Child and Youth Participation Award logo for letterheads, websites and publicity materials.
- Children can use their participation as part of their work towards a Gaisce award.

Evaluation Checklists

Please choose the checklist that is most appropriate to your application.

Everyday Spaces Checklist

This checklist is designed as a guide to help you ensure that children and young people have a voice in decision-making. It can be applied in many everyday situations including in classrooms, hospitals childcare settings, child and youth services, youth and sports clubs, youth projects, arts and creative initiatives and other spaces.



Planning Checklist

This checklist guides you on how to listen to children and young people and involve them in decision-making when you are developing policies, plans, services, programmes, governance, research and legislation at national, local and organisational level.



Summary of organisation.

Please give a summary about the service you provide:

Please note: 200 - 500 word limit.

Please give a summary of your project/participation experience for evaluation:

Please note: 200 - 500 word limit.

Evidence of Participation:

Please refer to the Evaluation Checklist questions to help you complete this section. (See pages 3 & 4)

Space

Please note: 200 - 500 word limit.

Voice

Please note: 200 - 500 word limit.

Audience

Please note: 200 - 500 word limit.

Influence

Please note: 200 - 500 word limit.

Please email this completed form to the Tusla participation officer in your area:

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