Shifting Power: New Frontiers in Youth Participation

Conference Key Messages Statement

Message 3:

Strive for Authentic Participation

Actions for Policy and Practice:

1 Move from one-off consultation exercises towards co-design and co-production approaches that share decision-making power.

2 Embed youth participation early on as a standard requirement in decision-making structures.

3 Establish feedback mechanisms that clearly demonstrate how young people's views influenced outcomes.

4 Be transparent about the scope, limitations and expected impact of participation processes.

5 Build partnerships among youth, policymakers and practitioners at the national and international level to strengthen influence and impact.

6 Value young people's expertise through recognition and fair remuneration where appropriate.



"[B]uild alliances with the policy world, the practitioner's world, the international world, the national world, because ultimately, this is how impact would be achieved"
(anon, interactive session)

Youth participation "needs to get political"
(researcher, Padlet input)