



Youth Innovation

Conference

Developing a National Youth Voice Network

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Welcome

- Sporting Communities' involvement in Youth Voice

Purpose of the session

To explore how we can work together to create a National Youth Voice Network – a platform to unite youth voice groups across the UK and amplify young people's influence in decision-making processes





Why Youth Voice Matters

- Young people are not just the future – they are the present. Their voices are critical in shaping policies and services that affect their and our lives today
- Young people have insights and experiences that mean that they are experts in their fields
- Evidence shows that involving young people in decision-making leads to better outcomes for them and for society

Many organisations already have youth voice groups, but these efforts are often siloed and vary in offer. A national network can create synergy and amplify impact.

How many people here are involved with a Youth Voice Group?

For those who do, how many of you connect with other partners' Youth Voice Groups?

What is the biggest challenge you face in engaging young people in decision-making?

National Youth Voice Network Vision

- A collaborative platform to connect youth voice groups across the UK
- A mechanism to ensure young people's voices are heard at local, regional, and national levels
- A way to engage young people in shaping policies that affect their lives, from education to mental health to climate action

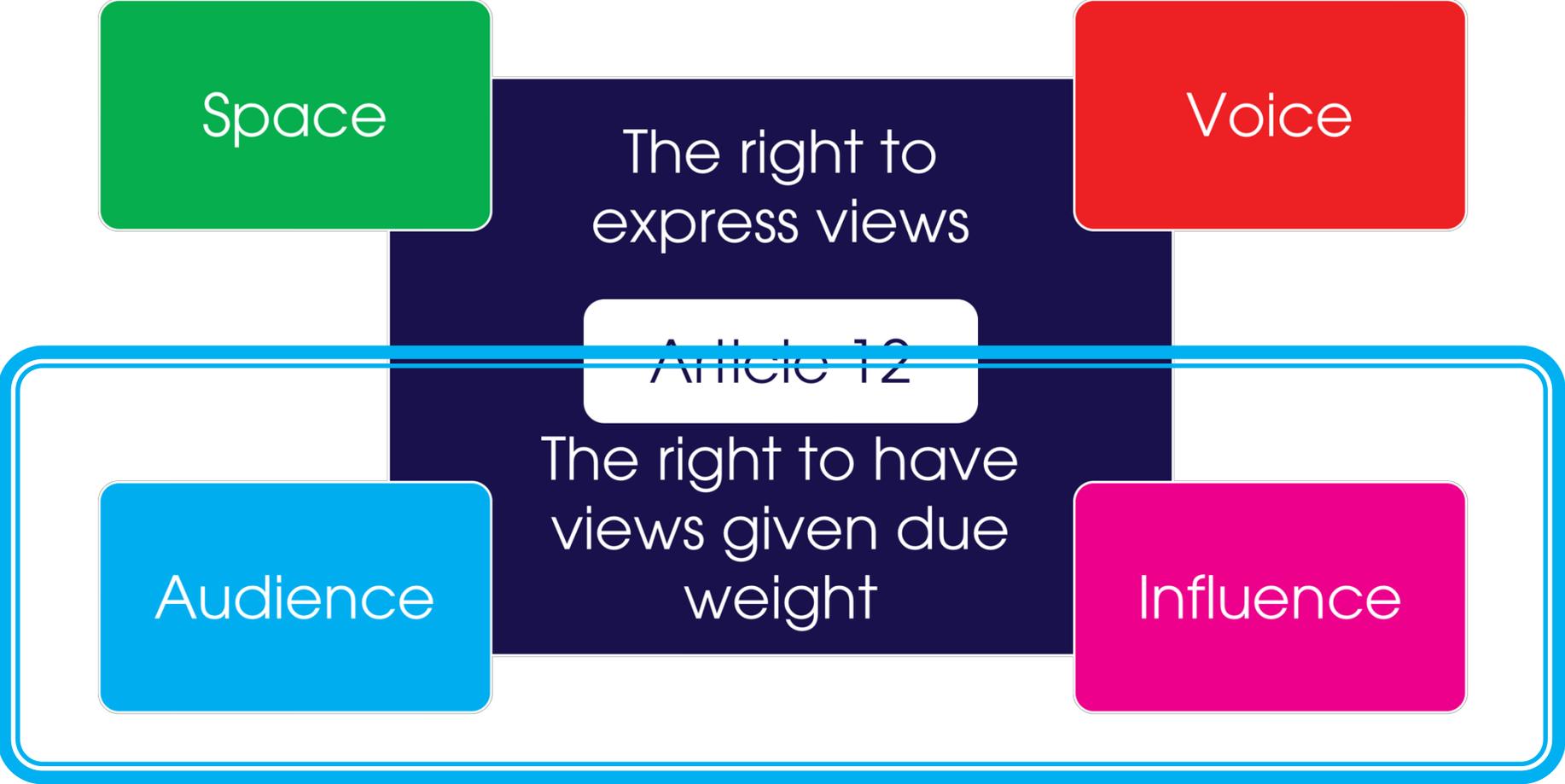




Benefits

- Strengthen collective youth influence on policies
- Share best practices and resources
- Ensure diverse and inclusive representation
- Support young people so that we can collectively take action, or give weight to young people's input

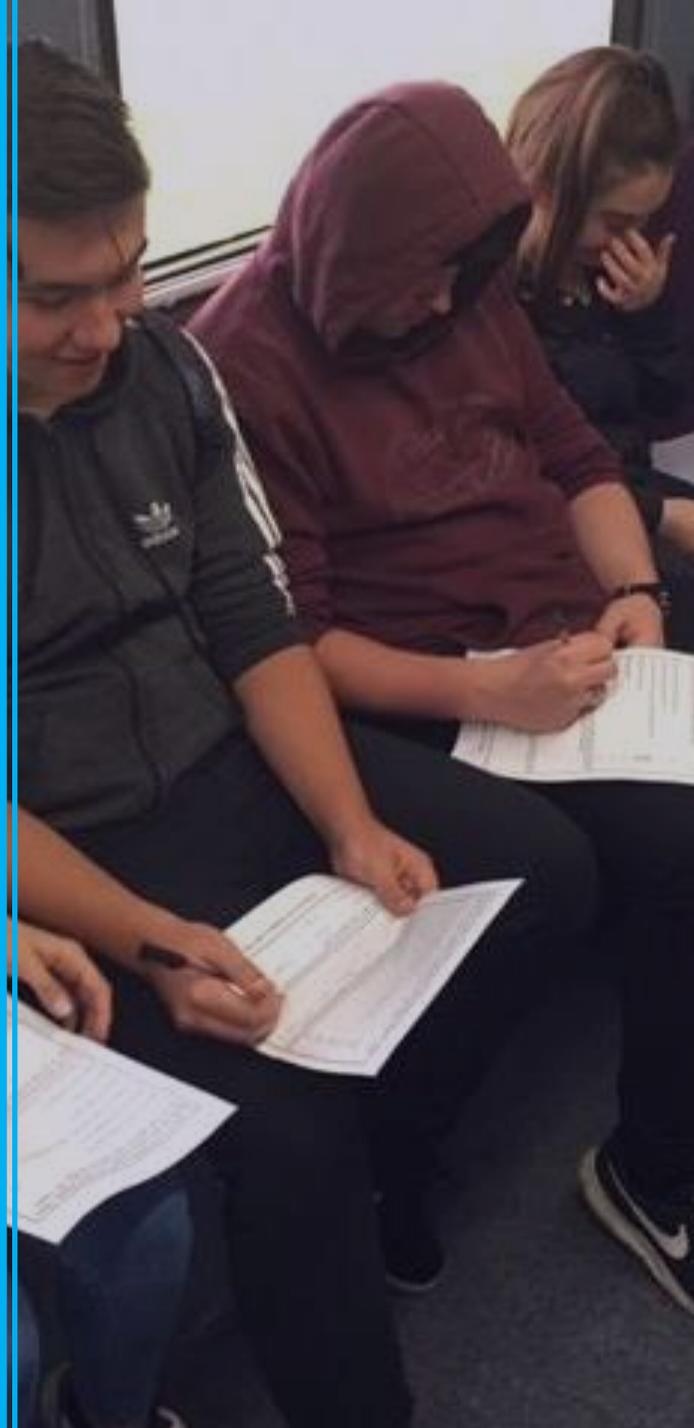
It must be meaningful



Co-Designing the Network

A National Youth Voice Network should be co-designed with young people and organisations like yours.

1. How can we ensure the network is inclusive and accessible to all young people?
2. What mechanisms will ensure young people's voices lead the way?
3. How do we get young people to consult with their peers?





Group Task



What would a youth voice network look like to you?

What role should a Youth Voice Network play?

What support do you need to participate?

What structures should be in place to connect youth voice groups?

Benefits to you

What would encourage you to be part of a youth voice network?

What benefits would your organisation value most?



Next Steps

- A National Youth Voice Network has the potential to transform how young people influence decisions that affect their lives
- This would be a collaborative effort, and your input is vital to its success

Together, we can create a platform that ensures young people's voices are not just heard but acted upon.

Let's empower the next generation to shape the future.



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If you're interested in being further involved, please leave your contact details, and we'll be in touch.

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