ARE YOU PRACTICING MEANINGFUL YOUTH ENGAGEMENT?

Take the quiz to find out...

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Does your policy making consult youth in some way and integrate their opinions?

Yes!

Do you consult more than one youth from a variety of different backgrounds?

Just one...

Yikes...

The bad news is your policy is completely missing a youth perspective.

The good news is things can only get better from here!

Ya, of course, that’s why they’re here!

Do you actively integrate their advice, considerations, opinions and more?

Totally!

Room for Improvement

We give you a solid B grade for effort. If you are not harnessing the full power that a diverse group of youth can bring than you are missing out on authentic and inclusive improvement to your policy!

Some things to consider:

- When there is only one youth representative, they feel pressure to represent ‘all youth’.
- This often includes multiple youth at different times, from different backgrounds.

- Sometimes youth do not see their contributions implemented, but do see their photo used for social media and for organizations to showcase youth leadership. Young people can feel like their work is tokenized / not actually listened to...
- This ‘visibility’ helps the contributions made by youth and including them in the process of creating your policy will not improve without the authentic integration of their opinions.

That’s What We’re Talking About!

You know first-hand how much policy improves when you consult youth. We are thankful that people/organizations/teams like you exist in world that is moving towards integrated youth representation in policy spaces. This ultimately results in richer and more effective policy.

Way to go!!!

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1 youth is a token
2 two is a minority
3 means we are getting there!