



What is a participation framework?

To understand what a framework for participation might be, children and young people were asked to think about putting up a tent and asked what they would do first. Someone suggested reading the instructions and it was explained that the written framework was the instructions for someone building up support for a child or young person who was experiencing gender based violence. The next step suggested would be to put together the tent poles. This was then used as a visual aid to consider the framework for participation, and children and young people were asked to consider what the 'tent poles' might be to provide a structure of support for the child/young person.

Children were also shown various other participation frameworks to compare their work to.

Children and young people identified ways that different people support their participation

	Family	Friends	Special friends	Professional	Support workers	Trusted adults
help	y	y	y	y	y	Y
support	y	y	y	y	y	Y
empower	y	y	y	y	y	Y? might
enable		y	y			
involve	y	y	y	y	y	
include	y	y	y	y		
listen	y	y	y	y	y	y
befriend		y				
coordinate	y		y	y	y	
cooperate	y		y		y	
collaborate			y			
consult			y			
guide	y	y	y	y	y	y