Participation Network
Supporting the Public Sector to engage children & young people

OFMDFM Child Poverty Strategy

Proposed Engagement Plan

July 2010

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1. Issue a letter to stakeholders, utilising the PN Directory of Organisations, advising of OFMDFM's plan to engage with children and young people re the development of a Child Poverty Strategy.

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2. Produce a draft discussion paper including a children's version and issue to Stakeholders seeking their initial views and seek advice on how to effectively engage with children and young people.

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3 Stakeholders to contact OFMDFM and provide initial feedback on discussion paper including feedback from children and young people as part of a pre- consultation process.

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4 Pre-Consultation period continues and engagement with children and young people takes place. OFMDFM will reimburse organisations for any reasonable costs incurred to facilitate the engagement. Children and young people will also be asked their views on how they can effectively participate during the formal consultation period.

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5.1 Formal Consultation document and a child friendly version produced. Maintain contact with children and young people involved in the pre-consultation. Provide feedback on how their views were included in the policy document and check out if any additional views or experiences to be incorporated.

5.2 Distribute the formal consultation document including child friendly version to all Stakeholders utilising PN's Directory of Organisations. Go through stage 3 and 4 as part of formal consultation.

October – December 2010

OFMDFM are fully committed to ensuring that an effective, meaningful and credible process is applied to the engagement of children and young people during the development of a Child Poverty Strategy.

6 Collate input from stakeholders, members of the public and children and young people. Review draft Strategy taking into account consultation replies and complete final strategy for clearance and final publication.

Jan/Feb 2011

7 Feedback to children and young people on how their views were considered.

- Initial thank you letter (after engagements)
- Child friendly version outlining this is what we heard / learnt, this is what we have incorporated into the final policy, areas not included and why not
- Consider hosting an event or revisiting children and young people's groups

Feb/March 2011

8 Review and reflect on the process and develop a model to engage with children and young people as an ongoing process

April 2011