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<b>2</b>	<p><b>Please provide a brief description of the background of the work you want to obtain children and young people’s views on:</b></p> <p>The Department of the Environment’s Road Safety Division is responsible for creating the Road Safety Strategy for NI. The Division is currently working on a new Road Safety Strategy which will be introduced in 2010. We seek the participation of children and young people in the development of this new Strategy.</p> <p>The purpose of the Strategy is to reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured on our roads. It sets out strategic objectives which are proposed to improve road safety; it identifies action measures planned by the Departments and Agencies whose activities contribute to road casualty reduction.</p> <p>Children and young people make up 36.9% of the population of NI. In 2007 1,210 people were killed or seriously injured in NI in road traffic collisions of whom 344 were children or young people (28.5% of the overall total). Given these figures it is important that children and young people are given the chance to participate in the creation of the strategy.</p> <p>Whilst the DOE has lead responsibility for road safety, a number of other bodies have major responsibilities, including the Department for Regional Development, Police Service of NI, the Department of Education and the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety including the NI</p>
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	<p>NHS, the NI Fire and Rescue Service and the NI Ambulance Service. These stakeholders will also be working with DOE in creating the new Road Safety Strategy.</p> <p>We would like to meet with and take the views of children and young people as part of a pre-consultation exercise. We would be happy to receive any suggestions on how we might address poor road user behaviours for possible inclusion in the Draft Road Safety Strategy.</p> <p>When we have drafted a new Strategy (by September 09) we plan to engage again formally (January 10) with you as part of the formal consultation process.</p>
3	<p><b>What do you want to know from children and/or young people?</b></p> <p>We want to know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What their attitude to road safety is.</li> <li>• What concerns they have about their own and others' road safety.</li> <li>• Their views on what is currently being done and if and how it could be done better.</li> <li>• Their ideas for new approaches and what more could be done.</li> </ul> <p>Please refer to attached questions as relevant to the age group of children or young people you are working with.</p>
4	<p><b>What are you going to do with the information you learn?</b></p> <p>This information will help inform the creation of the new Road Safety Strategy and the development of potential action measures to reduce deaths and serious injuries on our roads and improve road safety for children and young people.</p>
5	<p><b>Who do you want to engage with?</b></p> <p>(A) – <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>An inclusive range of children and young people</b></p> <p>(B) – <b>And / or the following groups</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Children and young people in Alternative Education Provision</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Boys or Young Men</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Children and young people in Conflict with the Law</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Children and young people with Disabilities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic Minority children and young people</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Girls or Young Women</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Children and young people in or leaving care</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Trans (LGBT) children and young people</li> </ul>

	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Children and young people Living in Poverty  <input type="checkbox"/> Children and young people experiencing Mental Health difficulties  <input type="checkbox"/> Multilingual children and young people  <input type="checkbox"/> Young Parents  <input type="checkbox"/> Traveller children and young people  <input type="checkbox"/> Young Carers    <input type="checkbox"/> Children and Young people in a specific geographic location (please describe):         </p> <p>We would be particularly interested in the views of those living in rural areas, border areas and areas with high levels of deprivation. We are also interested in speaking to people with disabilities to seek their views.</p> <p><b>What age group(s) of children and / or young people would you like to engage with?</b></p> <p>In particular 11-16 year olds and 17-24 year olds but would also welcome involvement of younger children.</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0-4 year olds  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5-11 year olds  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12-17 year olds  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18-25 year olds         </p>
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<b>6</b>	<p><b>How would you like to engage with them? (tick all that apply)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>I/my colleagues would like to attend:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> activity</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> group meeting / forum</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>that children and young people are already involved in</b></p> <p>In the first instance we are interested in meeting with children and young people in their normal environment. We are available from June through to mid September to attend events/activities where children and young people already take part in to explore the issues outlined in the questions attached.</p>
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	<p>Groups or individuals are also welcome to submit written comments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>I would like to invite children and / or young people attend</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> external consultation event</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> working group</li> </ul> <p><b>Please describe:</b></p> </li> <li>• <b>Other, please describe:</b></li> </ul>
<p><i>The Participation Network recognises that children and young people's participation is not cost-neutral. However, it is the responsibility of the public authority and the organisation to engage in an independent discussion regarding resources and budget.</i></p>	
7	<p><b><u>When and how</u> will you feedback to children and young people about how their views were considered?</b></p> <p>After each event, planned for mid 2009, a summary document of what we have heard will be prepared and disseminated to the participants. This summary document will be written in an accessible style and will explain how we propose to consider the input from children and young people. This will be followed up at a later stage with details of how the children and young people views were included in the completed Road Safety Strategy for NI.</p> <p>The later consultation process, planned for late 2009, will include an accessible consultation document.</p>
8	<p><b>Are you able to provide any awards or incentives to the children and/or young people for their participation?</b></p> <p>Whilst there is no budget available the Department may be willing to consider costs associated with facilitation or transport costs.</p>
9	<p><b>If an organisation is interested in working with you on this, what should they do? By when?</b></p> <p>They should contact either Pauline Moore (02890 541141) or Richard Jordan (02890 540104) from the Road Safety Strategy Project Team to express their initial interest using the details above, preferably by 10<sup>th</sup> July 2009 with a view to engagements taking place June – Mid September 2009.</p>