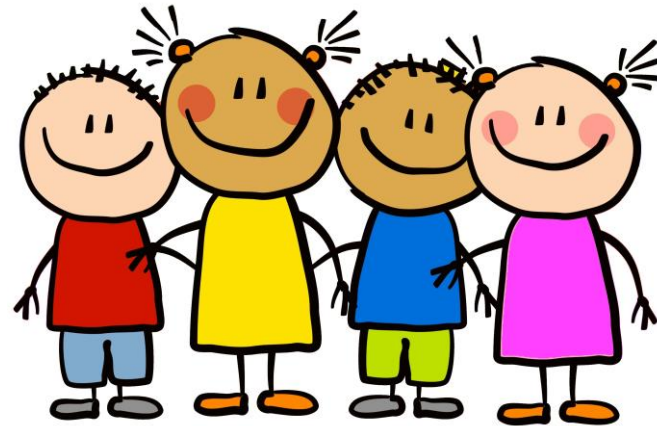


Previously Looked After Children



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In today's session we will learn more about...

- What is an EPPLAC
- Who it should be used with
- When to use the EPPLAC
- Why it is important to understand a child's lived experience
- How to hold an EPPLAC meeting
- How to gather pupil views
- PLAC Conference



What is an EPPLAC?

Education Plan for Previously Looked After Children

- A tool to
 - Support greater understanding of a child's lived experience
 - Share agreed language/vocabulary
 - Gather parent/carer views and concerns
 - Gather the child's views
 - Gather school's views
 - Share successes and areas of concern
 - Plan support
 - Support and maintain communication



For voluntary completion by parents and schools with the participation of young people wherever possible.

DEFINING PREVIOUSLY LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

Somerset uses the Department for Education's definition

"Previously looked-after children are those who:

- are no longer looked after by a local authority in England and Wales (as defined by the Children Act 1989 or Part 6 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014) because they are the subject of an adoption, special guardianship or child arrangements order; or
- were adopted from 'state care' outside England and Wales. 'State care' is care provided by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other organisation whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society."

Promoting the education of looked-after children and previously looked-after children
Statutory guidance for local authorities February 2018



Name of child	
Date of Birth	
Name of Education Setting	
Date of school admission	
Year Group	
Date of this meeting	
Chair-person of this meeting (who will take and send the minutes)	

ATTENDING THIS MEETING

Invitation List (Role and Name)	Attended Y/N	Contact email address	Copy of minutes required?
Designated Teacher			
CYP			
SENCO			
Parent/Caregiver			
VSLIST Advisory Teacher	No	PLACInclusionSomerset@somerset.gov.uk	Yes



Why should I use the EPPLAC?



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EPPLAC - Education Plan for Previously Looked After Children

Who is it for?

- Pupils who are no longer in the care of the local authority as they are now subject to an adoption, special guardianship or child arrangements order.

Who isn't it for?

- Children Looked After
- Children who have not been in the care of the local authority*.

*Pupils who have not been in the care of the local authority for more than 24 hours are not classed as Previously Looked After.





When
should I use
the
EPPLAC?



When should I use the EPPLAC?

Transition

Moving from
CLA to PLAC

New or
changing
behaviours

To plan
support

Discuss
concerns

Monitor
progress



ACTIVITY

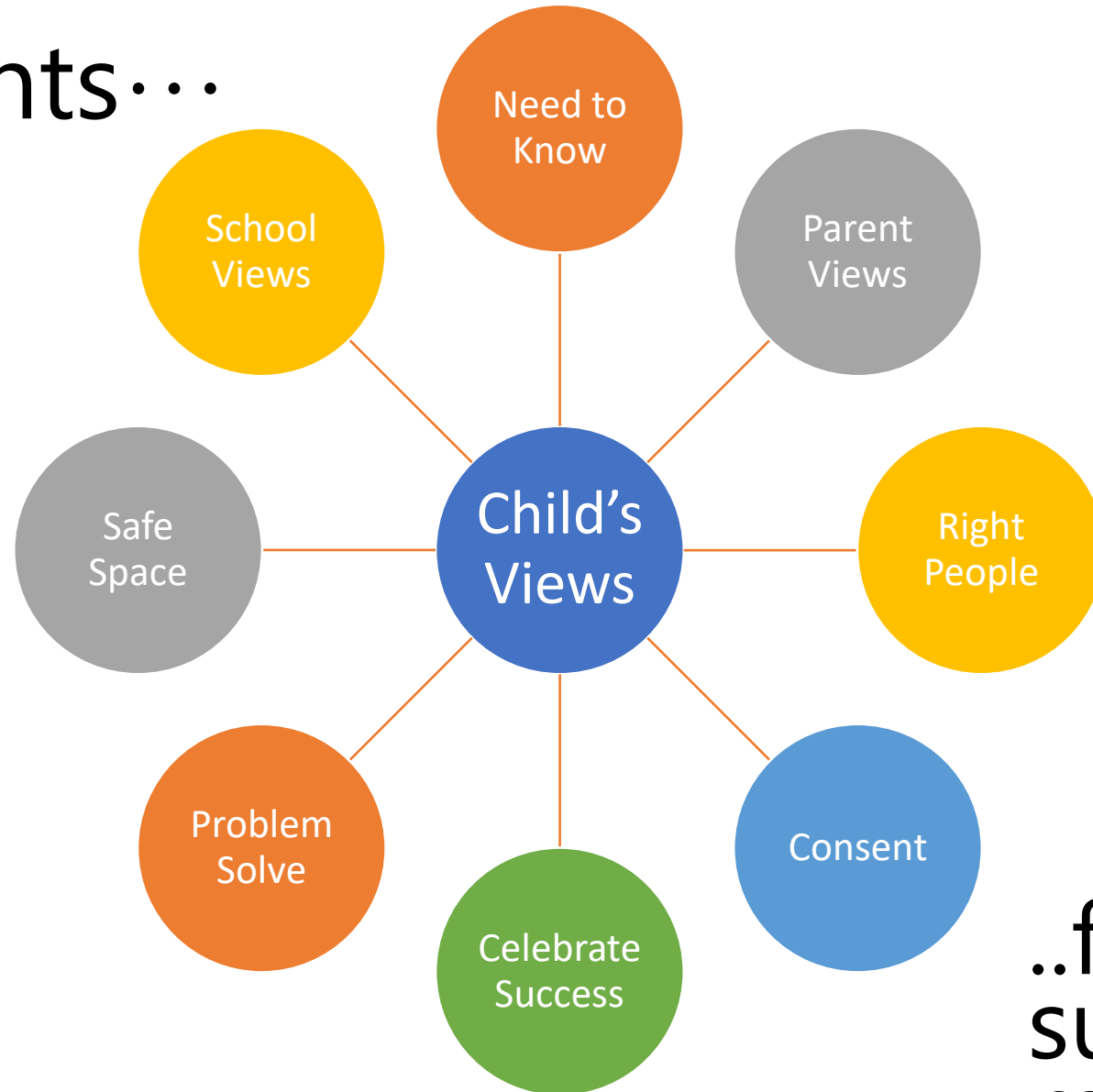
How to hold an EPPLAC meeting



What is the recipe for a successful meeting?



Key Ingredients...



..for a
successful
meeting.



Child Centred



There can be challenges to gathering pupil views

- Age/stage of development
- Not wanting to appear different
- Wanting to please
- Refusing to take part



How do you gather pupil views?

In the Chat add in the different ways you might gather pupil views.



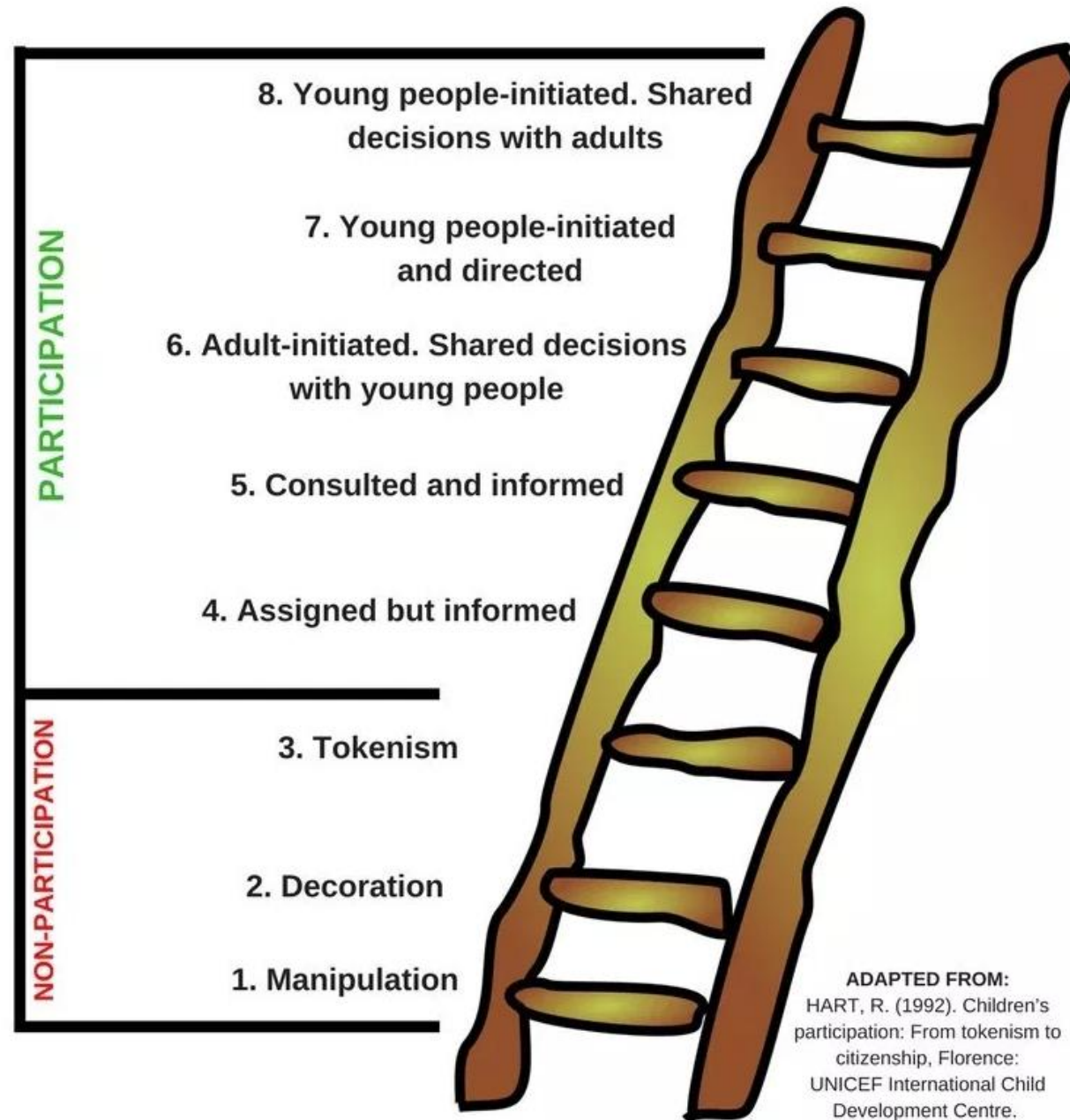
Ways to Gain Pupil Views

Conversations	Focus Groups	Questionnaires – Paper/Online	Observations	Draw & Write
Pictures/Card Sorting	Blob Tree	Scaling Activities	Talking Mats	Child photographing important things, places, people
Short film on i-pad	Art work	Power Point	Kahoot Surveys	Use of visuals to support e.g. communicate in print
Sharing work they are proud of	Gathering views over time	Use of a scribe	Annotating pictures/drawings	All About Me booklet

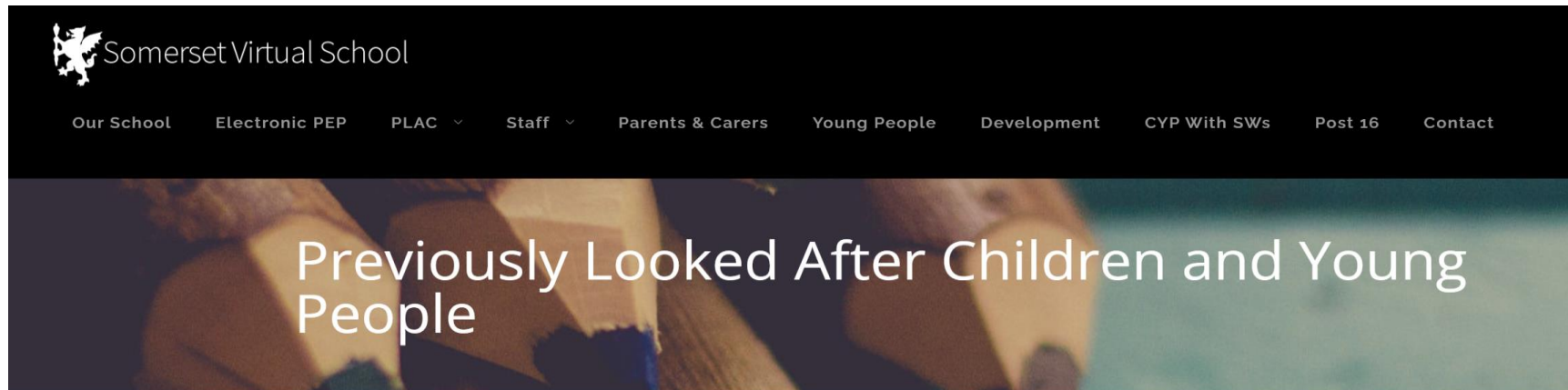


Child' Views

- Carried out in any way that suits the child
- Does not have to be in the format on the form
- Could use existing proformas/prompts



Where to Find the EPPLAC?



Welcome to the Virtual School's page on Previously Looked After Children, here you can find information, resources and routes to support for parents/carers and professionals.



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PLAC Conference



- Successful Conference Autumn 2021
 - Keynote – **'The challenges faced by adopted children and how professionals can meet these needs effectively in the school environment'**
 - Experience of a parent of a Previously Looked After Child
 - Adopt SW and their offer
 - EPS led workshop on Theory relating to Trauma and Attachment
- Being planned for Autumn 2023
- Key Note Speaker, Lived Experiences and a variety of Workshops



PLAC Conference

What would you like to know more about?

What do you struggle with in your setting?

Have you identified any CPD needs for staff?

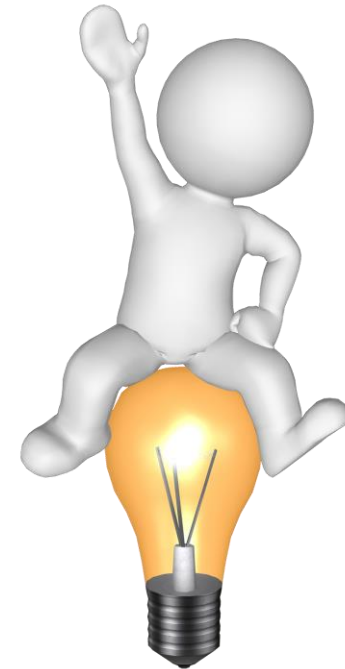
Have you identified any themes effecting your PLAC cohort?



PLAC Conference

If you are viewing this Powerpoint after the DT Network Meeting and have some ideas about possible themes for the PLAC Conference or areas that you would like to know more about please email me using the address below.

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ANY
QUESTIONS?



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