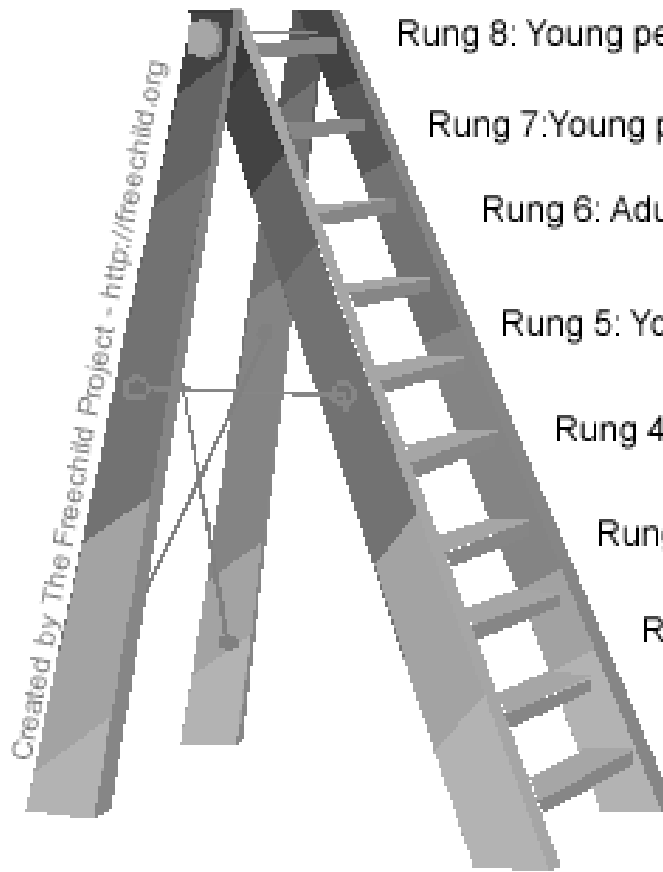


# Roger Hart's Ladder of Young People's Participation



Rung 8: Young people & adults share decision-making

Rung 7: Young people lead & initiate action

Rung 6: Adult-initiated, shared decisions with young people

Rung 5: Young people consulted and informed

Rung 4: Young people assigned and informed

Rung 3: Young people tokenized\*

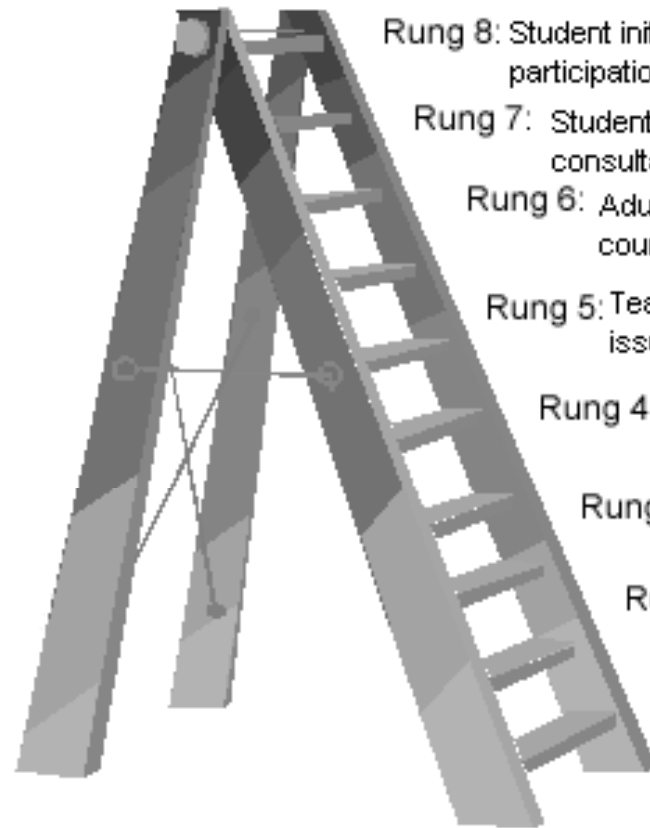
Rung 2: Young people are decoration\*

Rung 1: Young people are manipulated\*

Note: Hart explains that the last three rungs are *non-participation*

Adapted from Hart, R. (1992). *Children's Participation from Tokenism to Citizenship*.  
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## Striker's Ladder of Student Council Participation



Rung 8: Student initiated actions, wide spread youth participation outside the student council

Rung 7: Student initiated actions, wide spread youth consultation

Rung 6: Adults and students coordinate the student council, teacher is active in meetings

Rung 5: Teachers bring most of the serious issues, students focus on fun events

Rung 4: Student Council always does the same things each year

Rung 3: Teacher runs all meetings, students take the credit

Rung 2: Students only allowed to discuss approved issues

Rung 1: Student Council is just for show

