



**National Empowerment Partnership**

**and**

**Empowering Communities**

**Empowering and Engaging Citizens**

**in our Communities**

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## National Indicator 4:

‘Percentage of people feeling that they can influence decisions that affect their locality’

## Duty to Involve:

- providing information about the exercise of the particular function;
- consulting about the exercise of the particular function; and/or
- involving in another way

# National Empowerment Partnership

## **Empowering citizens and communities by:**

- Demonstrating the difference community empowerment can make to individuals, community groups, communities and public agencies
- Developing effective methods of quality assurance for community empowerment
- Promoting examples of good practice across the country

# Empowering Communities

## Members of Partnership:

Age Concern;  
Black South West Network;  
Community Counts  
Gloucester;  
Creating Excellence;  
Equality South West;  
Exeter CVS;  
GO SW;  
Penzance Central Initiative;  
Plymouth City Council;

Plymouth University;  
South Somerset District  
Council;  
SW Acre Network;  
SW Foundation;  
SW Forum;  
SW Neighbourhood Training &  
Resource Centre;  
SW Regional Development  
Agency.

## Activities

### 2007 - 2008

- Formation and research

### 2008 – 2009

- Working with local authorities
- Working with practitioners

## Participation and Empowerment of Children and Young People

“If we do not involve children and young people in commissioning and monitoring, we will not provide the services they want to use. We need their customer feedback. Without it, how would we measure whether we have made a difference?”

Director of Commissioning and Partnerships  
Gloucestershire County Council

# Participation and Empowerment of Children and Young People

A long journey

- Gloucestershire
- Devon

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## Empowering Communities

**Empowering Communities** is aimed at getting more people in the South West involved and influencing the decisions that affect their lives and local communities. The initiative is seeking to increase the number of people, particularly in disadvantaged areas, who participate in public issues, press for and contribute to the improvement of public services, and help to shape the future of the place where they live.



National Empowerment Partnership

Empowering Communities is the South West consortium of a national programme, the National Empowerment Partnership, funded by the Department of Communities & Local Government (CLG) to improve the quality and functioning of relationships between citizens and government, and to enable people to influence decisions which affect them. Find out more about the [National Empowerment Partnership](#).

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