ROGER HART’S LADDER OF PARTICIPATION

**RUNG 8** - Youth initiated shared decisions with adults: Youth-led activities, in which decision making is shared between youth and adults working as equal partners.

**RUNG 7** - Youth initiated and directed: Youth-led activities with little input from adults.

**RUNG 6** - Adult initiated shared decisions with youth: Adult-led activities, in which decision making is shared with youth.

**RUNG 5** - Consulted and informed: Adult-led activities, in which youth are consulted and informed about how their input will be used and the outcomes of adult decisions.

**RUNG 4** - Assigned, but informed: Adult-led activities, in which youth understand purpose, decision-making process, and have a role.

**RUNG 3** - Tokenism: Adult-led activities, in which youth may be consulted with minimal opportunities for feedback.

**RUNG 2** - Decoration: Adult-led activities, in which youth understand purpose, but have no input in how they are planned.

**RUNG 1** - Manipulation: Adult-led activities, in which youth do as directed without understanding of the purpose for the activities.