

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT TOP TEN

1 Build-in time to recognize, understand, and use the youth perspective on your meeting agendas.

2 Be open to Youths' ideas and feedback even if it is difficult to hear.

3 Give youth tangible things to work on.

4 Take a young person at their word.

5 Respect boundaries set by young folks.

6 Take time to teach youth the system(s) including providing lists of typical acronyms and lingo.

7 Youth are Experts on Their Own Experiences.

8 Take the time to learn about what the Young Folks who are being invited into teams/spaces with adults are passionate about.

9 Listen to and honor accommodation requests.

10 Social interactions and discussions are important.