



Investing in Children

Investing in You - Dialogue and Change Award

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Introductions



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Plan for the session

- What is Investing in Children?
- Investing in You - Dialogue and Change Award
- The evaluation process
- Questions



What is Investing in Children?

1995 – Created by a partnership between Durham County Council and the NHS.

2004 – Investing in Children Development Agency was created in to allow liC to work with other public services across the UK.

2013 – Investing in Children became an independent Community Interest Company.

Our Vision

- Children and young people possess the same rights as the rest of humanity.
- Young people experience a better quality of life in society.
- The services young people access recognise and respect their human rights.

Values & Principles

- Children and young people are citizens-
'lived lives'
- As citizens, all children and young people have the right to be involved in decisions that affect them
- This places a responsibility on agencies to open up their processes and engage children and young people in dialogue
- Participation differs from consultation

What do we do?

- liC creates opportunities for children and young people to become genuine participants in decision making processes
- liC works with public sector organisations to promote and engage in dialogue with children, which lends itself to a real change in policy
- We provide the platform for children and young people to share their ideas for creative and supportive projects.

The Concept of Dialogue

- Everyone has the right to their say
- Everyone must be listened to with respect
- Everyone deserves to have their claim considered
- There must be no coercion
- The force of the better argument

Habermas

Theory of change

- Children and young people understand their circumstances, known as their 'lived lives'
- Engaging young people in dialogue is aimed to develop improvements in their 'lived lives'.
- Enabling, respecting and including children is their democratic right.

Sam's Story with IiC




Membership

“I am not interested in your grand plans and strategies, I want to change my life where I live it.”

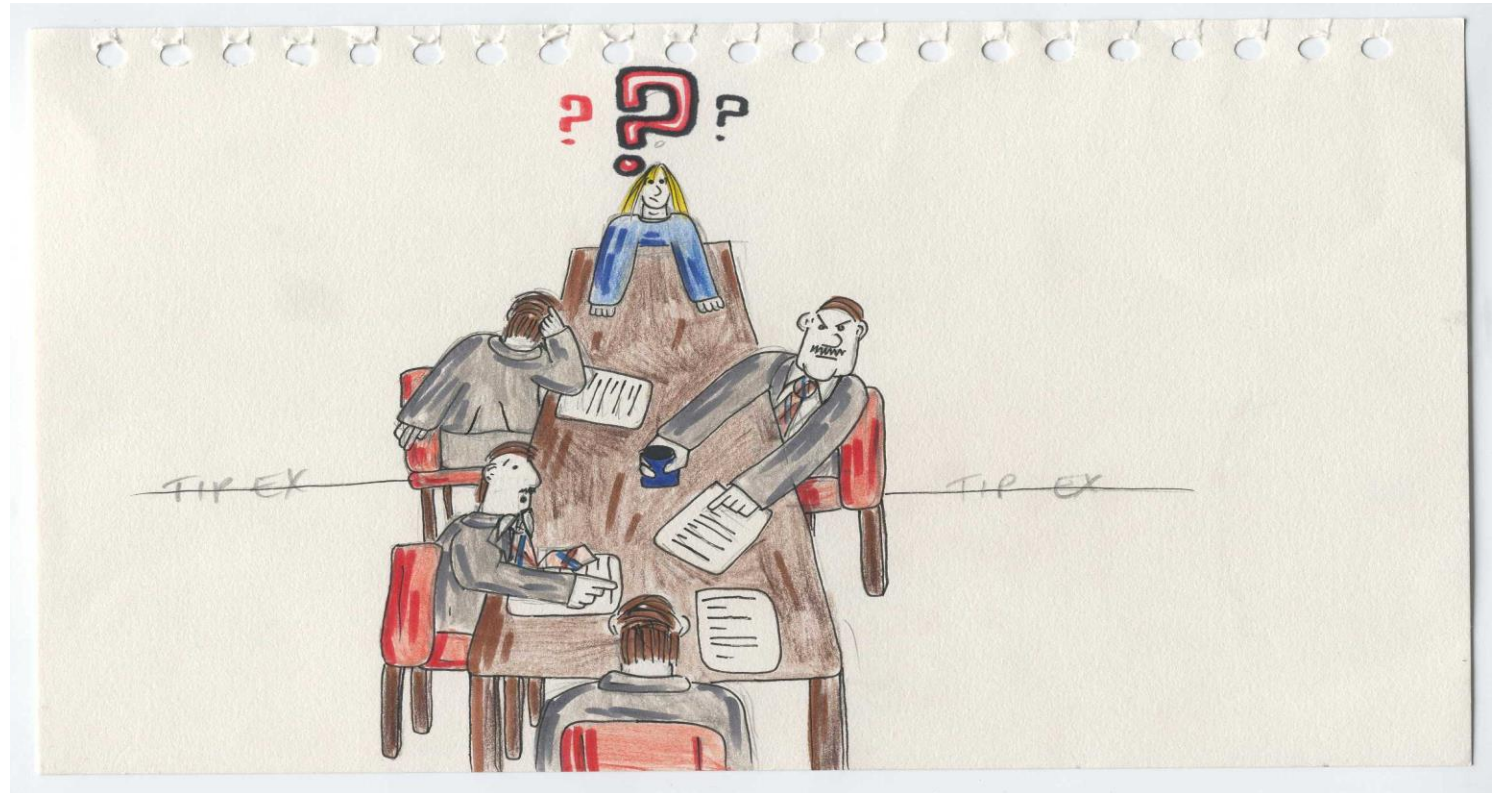
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- Evidence of Dialogue
- Evidence of Change
- Research participants and service users agree

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What does participation look like?



What does public engagement in your research look like?



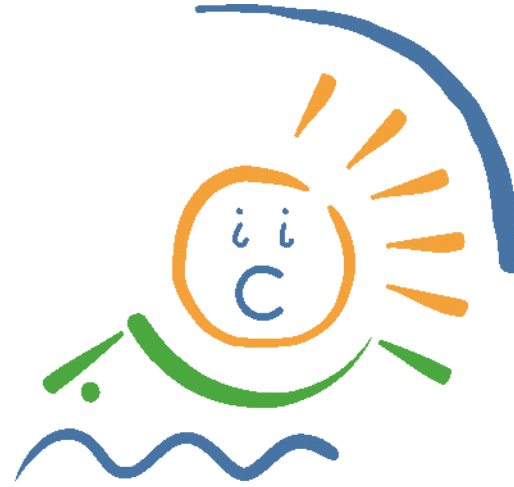
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Any questions?





Promoting the Rights of Children and Young People



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Thank you!

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