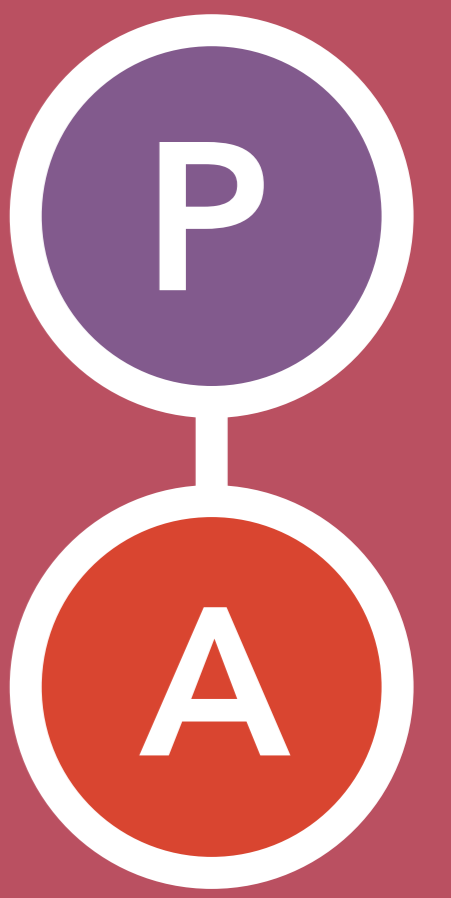


MAKING ONLINE PARTICIPATION LOCAL



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ONLINE PARTICIPATION INSUFFICIENT

Considering that young people grow up using the internet, **high expectations are often placed on using online tools** as a low-threshold means of youth participation. Nonetheless, they often reach fewer and fewer diverse young people than expected.



CONDITIONS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The city formulated conditions for effective participation that include checking the extent to which changes are possible, a **low threshold** to participating, and **explaining what will happen with the results**. Within six years the voice of 20,000 children and young people in Antwerp were heard in 120 projects.



LOCATION-ORIENTED WORK

For each public participation project the Youth Service of the City of Antwerp maps out the spots **where their target groups spend time**: schools, youth clubs, public locations. Based on this they select locations where they will go to let young people fill out participation tools on a tablet.



P Inclusive youth participation

A Connecting activities & community events