**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.