

# What is Youth Participation?

*Enabling young people to influence and affect decision making processes at local, regional, national and international levels through a variety of methods appropriate to their needs.*

# The Context

The right for young people to be fully involved in the development and delivery of all their services is laid down in legislation.

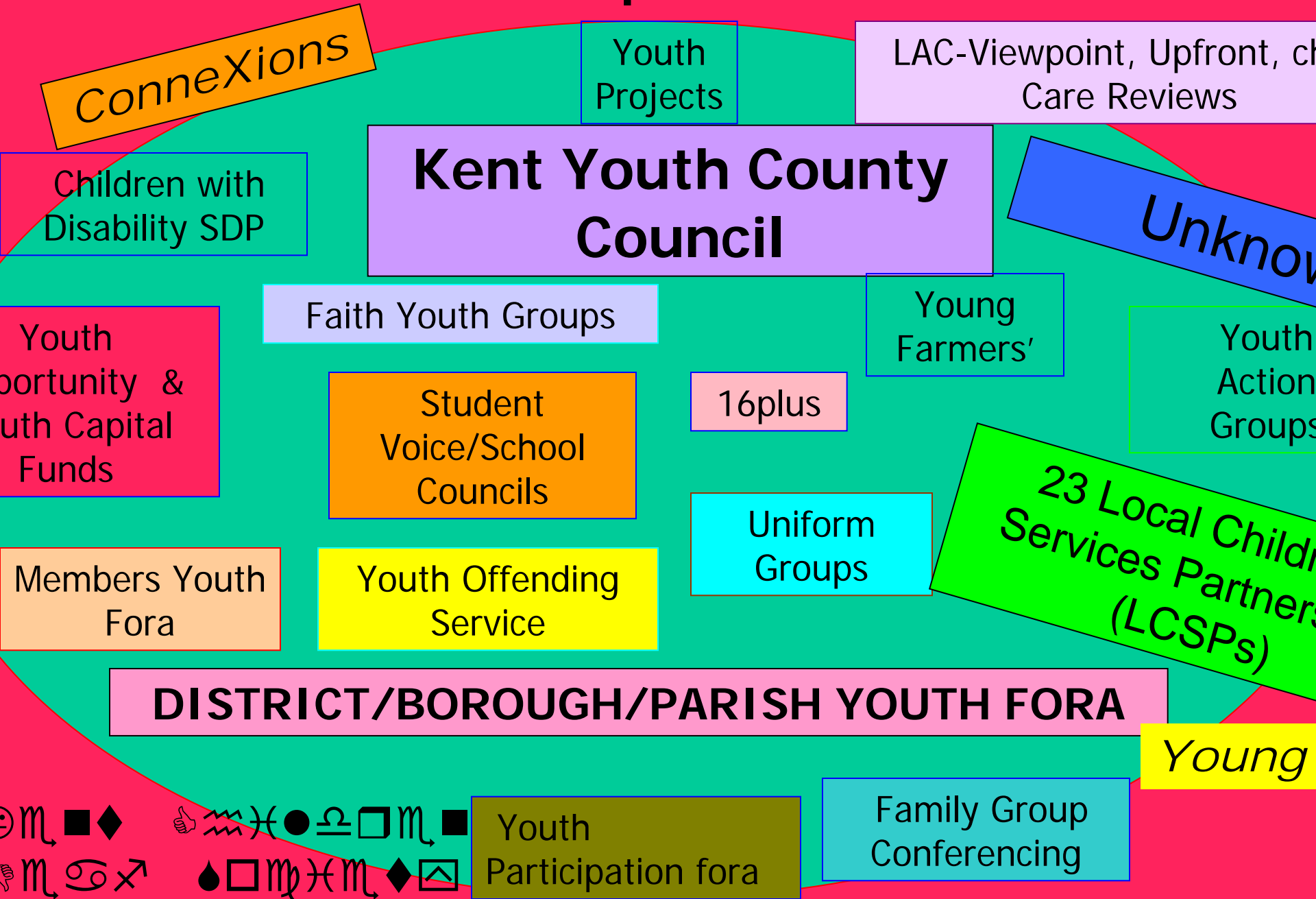
# Legislation & Guidelines

- UN Convention on The Rights of the Child Agreed Ratified in UK 1991)
- Children Act (2004)
- Every Child Matters (2004)
- Youth Matters (2005)
- Aiming high for young people: a ten year strategy for positive activities (July 2007).

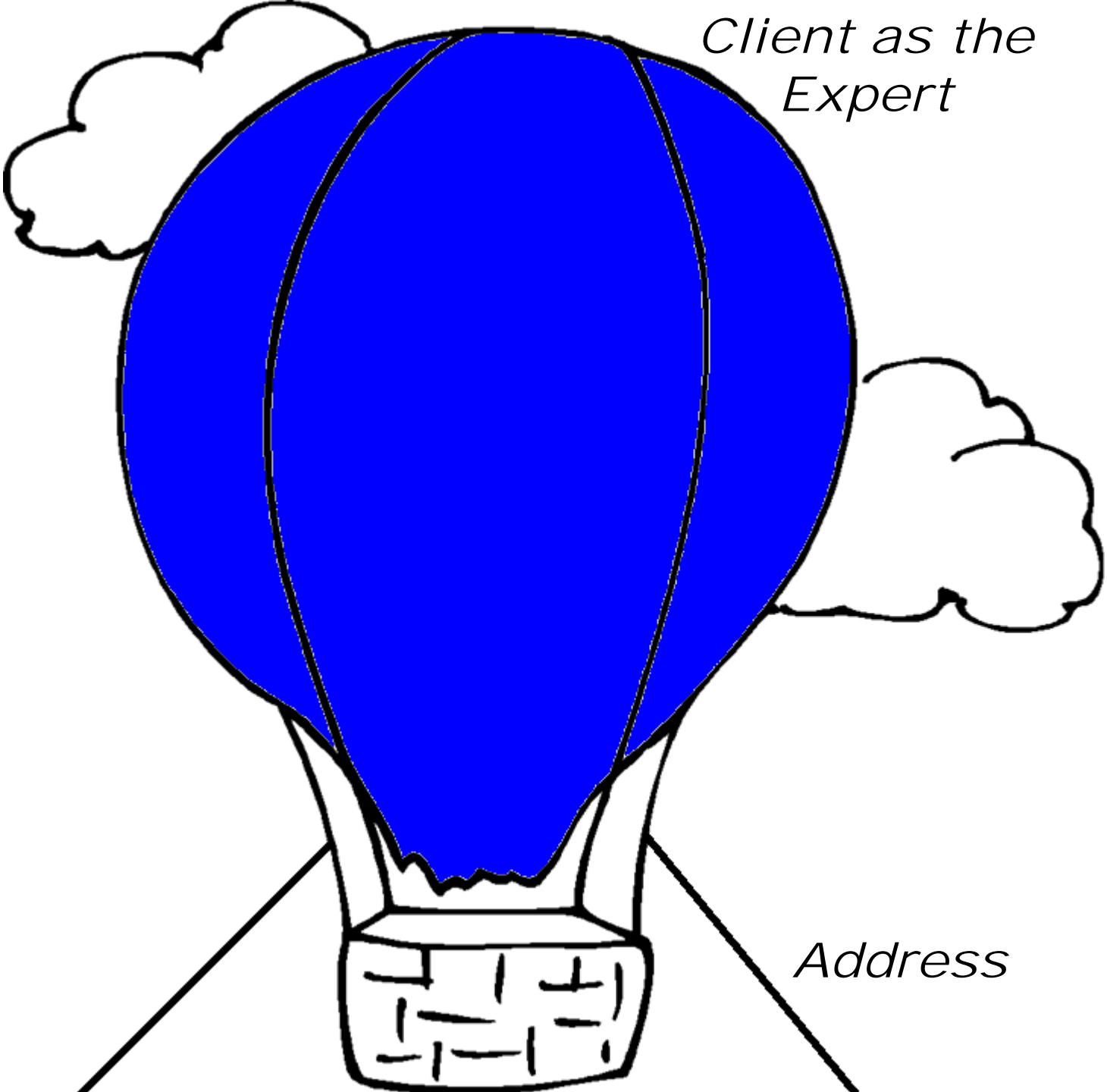
# Kent Perspective

- **Kent Children and Young People's Plan (2006 – 2009)**
- **Local Children's Services Partnership**
- **Setting up of 23 Local Children's Services Partnership in September 2008**
- **Vision for Kent 2006 - 2026**

# Youth Participation in Kent



*Client as the Expert*



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*Thanks For Listening*

*Any Questions?*