



### **How to get Young People Engaged in Local Government**

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Following the 2007 local body elections it is clear that local government representation is something that people enter into later in life. 22.3% of elected members are in the 56 -60 age bracket, 18.6% aged 61-65, 12.3% aged 66-70 and 5.1% over the age of 71. Just 4.6% of elected members are below the age of 40. This panel, of some of that 4.6%, will discuss why and how they made the choice to become involved and how we can encourage greater participation of young people in the decision making of their communities.