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Claire, Emailing you as don't have time at the moment to go through the inbox on youthcentral. See below for feedback on the discussion paper from one of our rural areas. They are important points, particularly the issues around diversity in rural areas.

Cheers
Kati

Something that recognises diversity in the broadest context needs a look I think.

Rural areas can be very conservative and not necessarily open to difference.

The North East Multicultural Association is starting to do things from cultural perspectives, but sexuality and such is still lacking.

We also need to find ways of supporting self advocacy. Young people experiencing disadvantage must be supported to speak up for their wishes/dreams/desires etc. It would be nice to see something that support them to tell us what they want rather than us assume... (Us meaning society, but could mean DHHS).

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