



## **LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION**

*There are various levels of participation individuals or organizations can have in community development:*

### **MANIPULATION:**

Creating an illusion of participation, resulting in disempowerment.

### **INFORMATION:**

Telling people what is planned.

### **CONSULTATION:**

Offering options and listening to feedback.

### **DECIDING TOGETHER:**

Encouraging others to provide additional ideas and join in deciding the best way forward.

### **ACTING TOGETHER:**

Deciding together and forming partnerships to act.

### **SUPPORTING INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY INTERESTS:**

Helping others to do what they want.

*(Source: Towards Caring Communities, a Community Development and Community Care Training Pack written by Barr, A., Drysdale, J., and Henderson, P. (1977). Joseph Rowntree Foundation/Pavilion Publishing)*