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Methods of inclusion – Inclusion of groups

Different types of groups may be, for example:

- Youth councils
- Student council boards
- School classes, day care centre groups
- Local or regional meetings of children and young people
- Children's parliaments
- Youth centres
- Youth workshop activities
- Activity groups and clubs of children's and young people's organisations

The importance of children's and young people's own groups has grown both in face-to-face interaction and online. The inclusion of these groups often brings with it voices that may not otherwise be heard.

A variety of methods are required to ensure the inclusion of different groups.

With regard to all forms of inclusion for groups, it is important to ensure that children receive guidance in not only the subject of the consultation but also in the decision-making process.

Group-based digital participation can be arranged alongside conventional inclusion methods or separately.

Examples include discussion platforms and more structured discussions. Various virtual worlds can also be built. It should be ensured that the discussion platforms are accessible to everyone.

Feedback and ideas for the further development of the handbook can be sent to the Ministry of Finance at avoinhallinto@vm.fi.