

An Invitation to:

Co-create and take part in:

BarCamp



UK Youth Online

—London - 17th May 2008—

We are a collection of youth workers, participation workers, youth website managers, innovators, technology developers, optimists, open minded sceptics, young people, consultants, practitioners, managers, and many more things.

Between us we are interested in topics that include:

- Online information services for young people
- Supporting young people's online interaction and activity
- Researching young people and the internet/bloggin/social networking etc.
- Developing online tools and platforms for young people
- Exploring online technologies in education and participation
- Young people's civic engagement online
- School councils, youth councils and local e-democracy
- On-line video and web radio

And we're coming together on 17th May 2008 in London for a BarCamp – and informal conference where we set the agenda on the day and have creative, constructive and dynamic demonstrations, discussions and knowledge sharing.

We don't know exactly what will result or what we will manage to co-create together in one day – but we do know that we need to develop more conversations about the impact of new technology on young people and work with young people, and we do know that bringing people together and just letting them talk and share is the best way to get that conversation going.

Come and be one of us. Sign up to take part at <http://www.ukyouthonline.org> or get in touch with tim@practicalparticipation.co.uk for more details (Mobile #: 07834 856 303)

BarCamps are wholly created by the participants and aim to be free to take part in. That means we do need help with the planning and organising. Whatever support you can offer is really appreciated. You can find the ToDo list on our website, but right now our top priorities are:

- **Finding a venue** – we need somewhere with room for 50+, internet access and a couple of break out rooms. Perhaps a London school? Or your offices? Low cost of free would be best. Ideas or offers or venues very much welcomed.
- **Finding a sponsor for lunch** – we'd like to be able to provide lunch rather than all head out for sandwiches. Any offers of event sponsorship will be used to cover costs – and sponsors are most welcome to host a session and put resources in the event goody bag.