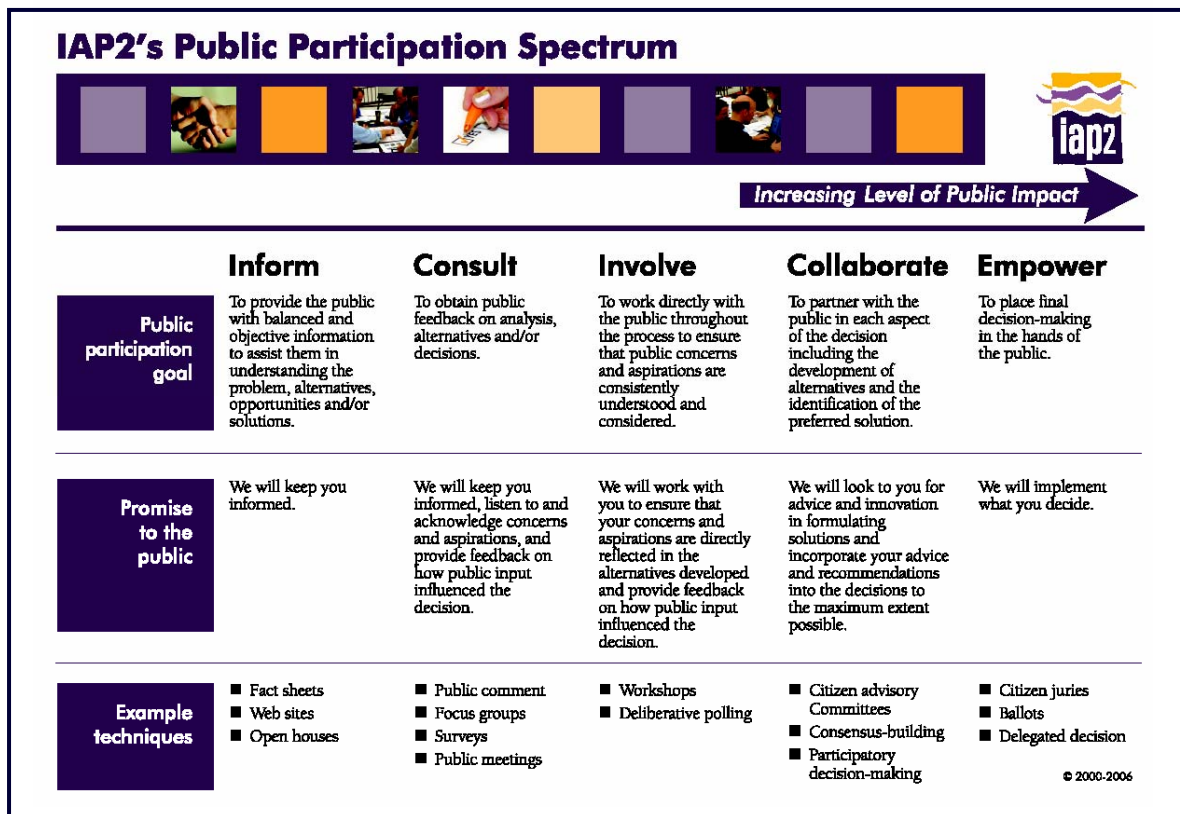


The IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation



Notes on the IAP2 Spectrum

- The Spectrum is a flexible framework that helps everyone involved to be clear about the level of influence, and what is being promised to participants.
- It is not a hierarchy; one level is not necessarily preferable to any other; it depends on a number of factors such as attitude of the decision-maker, project complexity, level of passion on the part of stakeholders, and amount of benefit to be gained from engagement, and resources available.
- As a general guide, the greater the complexity and passion, the further to the right on the Spectrum you need to be.
- The further to the right on the Spectrum, the greater the level of influence – and the stronger the promise.
- For longer projects it may be quite appropriate to be working at different levels at different times in the project. It is also conceivable that the sponsoring organisation will be engaging different stakeholders at different levels.
- Using the IAP2 Spectrum does not amount to good practice on its own – it needs to be accompanied by the application of core process values.