Informal Observation Form

Mark the statement that best matches what you observe in the youth program session.

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| Young people do not have the chance to make plans for the project or activity. | Young people have at least one opportunity to provide suggestions. | Young people have many opportunities to provide suggestions. | Comments |
| There is no planning for activities; no planning strategies (brainstorming, etc.) were observed. | At least one planning strategy was observed. | In the course of planning projects or activities, several planning strategies were used. |  |
| The activities do not allow any choices for young people. | Young people have an opportunity to make content or process choices; choices are presented by the group leader.  | All young people have at least one open-ended content or process choice (e.g. choosing a topic within given subject matter). |  |
| Young people do not have an opportunity to intentionally reflect about what they have done. | Some young people have an opportunity to reflect. | All young people are engaged in reflecting intentionally about what they have done in group. |  |
| Young people do not have an opportunity to present in or (co)facilitate the group activity. | Some young people have the opportunity to (co)facilitate or present. | All young people have the opportunity to (co)facilitate or present. |  |
| Staff dismisses feedback and suggestions from young people. | Staff accepts feedback and suggestions initiated by young people. | Staff uses an intentional, structured approach to gather feedback and suggestions. |  |

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