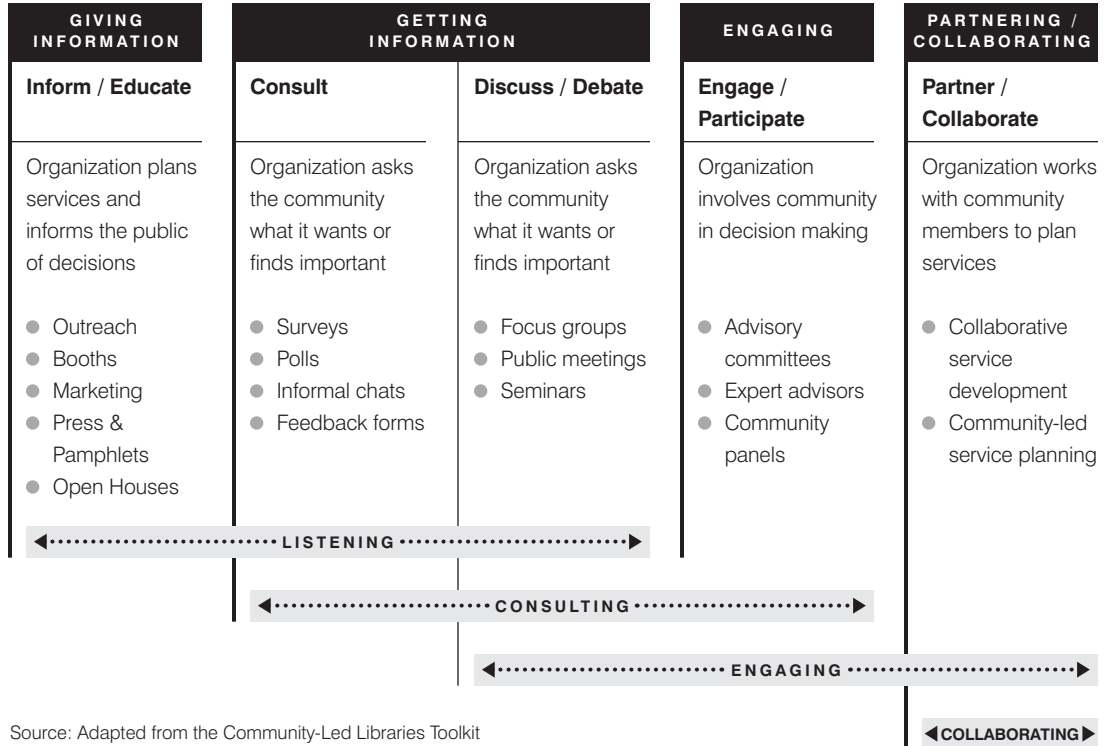


Public Involvement Continuum



Source: Adapted from the Community-Led Libraries Toolkit

In general, “public involvement” is a term that encompasses a wide range of methods of involving citizens. It can mean anything from one-way communication, such as an informational open house where the public receives information, to sharing decision-making power, such as in a collaborative project where community members and staff work together on the design and implementation of an initiative.

This diagram shows a number of different methods of public involvement. All forms of public involvement are important and serve a necessary purpose. However, in order to effectively build trust and engage hard to reach community members, more effort is required at the right-hand side of the continuum.

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