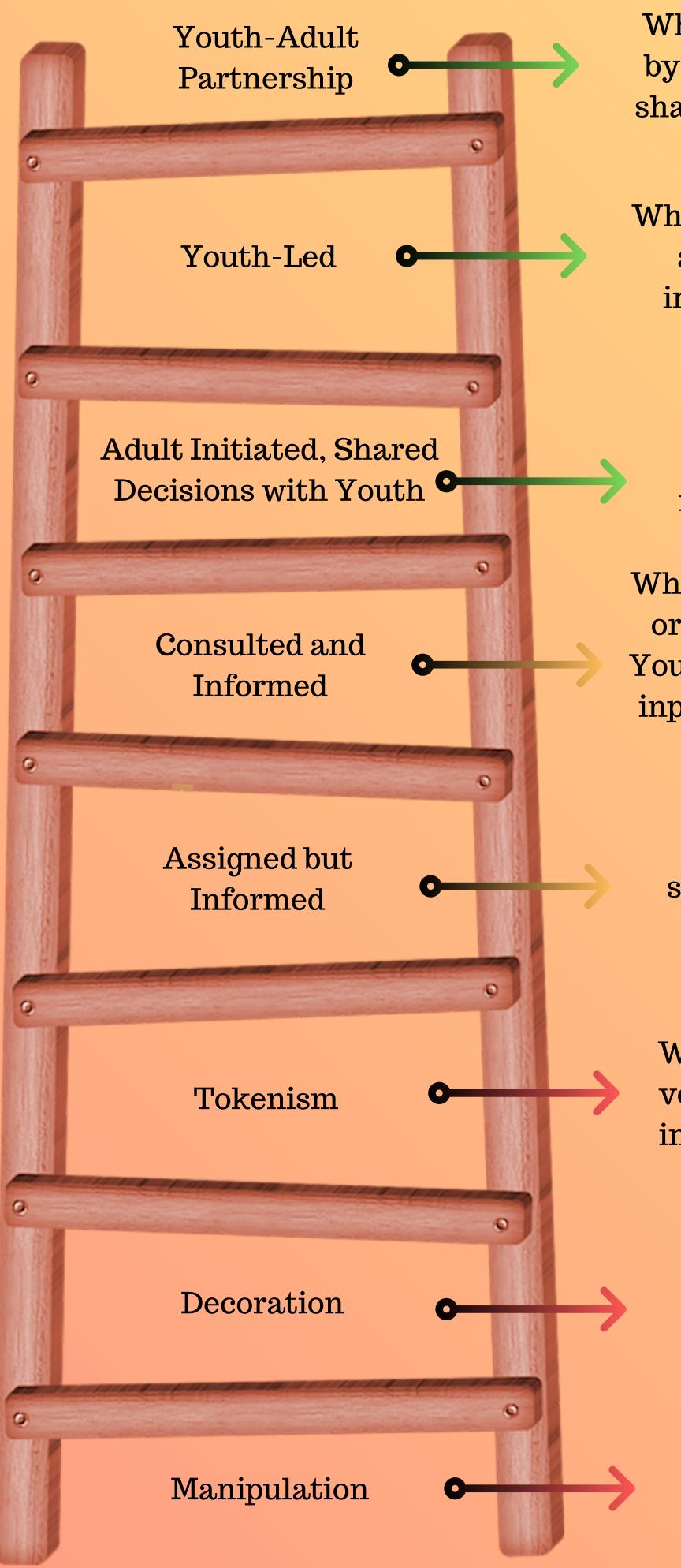
Hart's Ladder of Youth Participation



When projects or programs are initiated by young people and decision-making is shared between young people and adults.

When young people initiate and direct a project or program. Adults are involved only in a supportive role.

When projects or programs are initiated by adults but the decision-making is shared with young people.

When young people give advice on projects or programs designed and run by adults. Young people are informed about how their input will be used and the outcomes of the decisions made by adults.

When young people are assigned a specific role and informed about how and why they are being involved.

When young people appear to be given a voice, but in fact have little or no choice in what they do or how they participate.

When young people are used to bolster a cause in a relatively indirect way, although adults do not pretend the cause is inspired by young people.

When adults use young people to support causes and pretend that causes are inspired by the young people.