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**IT'S OUR WORLD, OUR FUTURE TOO**  
**Increasing Young People's Participation**  
**in Environmental Health issues:**  
**Perspectives, good practice and structures for change**

**Thursday, June 24, 18:30-19:30**  
**Bartok Room, Budapest Ministerial Conference**

*This panel discussion will feature perspectives from government representatives and young people on innovative ways to increase participation in environment and health policy making, ranging from challenges faced by disadvantaged communities in securing healthy food, safe roads, safe and healthy homes and schools, opportunities and, most of all, a safe future for all our children.*

*It will aim to:*

- **Bring young people's experience and perspectives to a wider audience in Budapest**
- **Highlight participatory approaches that have worked to bring young people's ideas and concerns to the policy making agenda for positive change**
- **Identify some of the challenges in structures, processes and legislation to creating an environment conducive to youth participation**

**Chair:** Ms. Tamsin Rose, General Secretary, European Public Health Alliance (EPHA)

**Facilitator:** Dr. Carolyn Stephens, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and

**Panel participants:**

- *EU Commissioner for the Environment, Margot Wallstrom (EU initiatives)*
- *Professor Pat Troop, Chief Executive, UK Health Protection Agency (UK initiatives to increase participation)*
- *Representative from Austrian Ministry of Transport on mobility and young people (Austrian initiatives to enable young people to design their own mobility plans for schools) (TBC)*
- *Youth representatives from Barking (their experience in youth advocacy and investigative studies)*

**BACKGROUND:**

The Children's Environment and Health Action Plan for Europe (CEHAPE) sets out four regional priority goals to improve water and air quality, reduce exposure to chemicals and decrease accidents and injuries.

At Budapest, governments will commit to creating their own national action plan and priorities by 2007 to make progress on these goals, and draw upon the examples listed in the CEHAPE Table of Actions. Several of the actions in the CEHAPE Table promote participatory approaches from relevant stakeholders in order to improve children's environment and health. These include facilitating participation of children and caregivers in urban and transport planning processes, or involving children, schools and communities in advocating for and disseminating information on environmental policies.

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