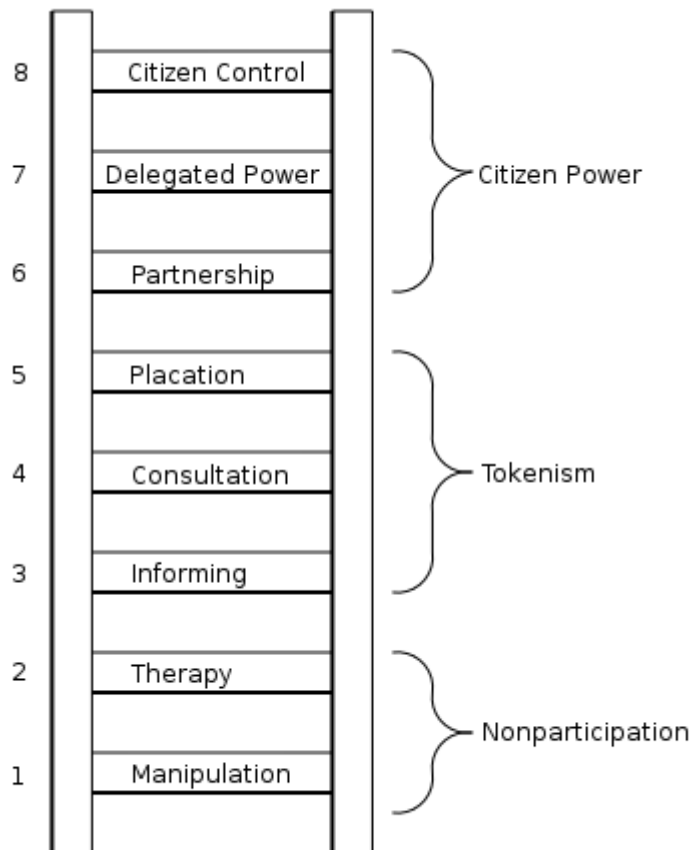


**Definition of public participation** (from: *Participation (decision making)* on Wikipedia)

Participation in social science refers to different mechanisms for the public to express opinions – and ideally exert influence – regarding political, economic, management or other social decisions. [...] Sherry Arnstein discusses eight types of participation in “A Ladder of Citizen Participation” (1969). Often termed as “Arnstein's ladder”.



Arnstein, Sherry R. “A Ladder of Citizen Participation”, *JAIP*, Vol. 35, No. 4, July 1969, pp. 216-224  
(<http://lithgow-schmidt.dk/sherry-arnstein/ladder-of-citizen-participation.html>)