

# YOUR CONSULTATION FORTUNE BROUGHT TO YOU BY **samara**

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As an elected official, you are the two-way link between your constituents and government. Sometimes your role is to be a listener and sometimes your role is to explain what is happening in government (and what you think of the results). In both cases, consultation is an important part of the job.


National charity Samara Canada brought together 40 young people to work on some intractable challenges facing our democracy. One of those challenges was how leaders like you can consult young people and others who are not the "usual suspects" found at town halls. The dos and don'ts in this fortune teller are the result.

We hope you enjoy being reminded of some of the best practices around consultation – and of your childhood in the school yard!

Have fun folding!

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**Engage** 

**Discuss** 

**Listen** 

**Consult** 

**Engage** *I will stand at a podium and read my talking points*

**Discuss** *I will ask community groups to invite their members*

**Listen** *I will take what I hear back to Government*

**Consult** *I will use more strategies to listen than comment cards, e-voting, just a microphone (ex. dot-voting)*

**Engage** *I will offer snacks*

**Discuss** *I will hold my event at 6 pm*

**Listen** *I will respond to comments on my website and social media*

**Consult** *I will livestream the event and archive my videos*

**Engage** *Your guests just fell asleep*

**Discuss** *You have the right people in the room*

**Listen** *It will be hard for families to attend, so be sure to offer childcare or a child-friendly space*

**Consult** *People are happy and ready to listen*

**Engage** *People who can't be there in person can participate*

**Discuss** *People will feel heard*

**Listen** *Great but don't forget to feed back the results to participants too!*

**Consult** *People who can't be there in person can participate*

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**Listen** *People who can't be there in person can participate*

**Consult** *People who can't be there in person can participate*

# Instructions

