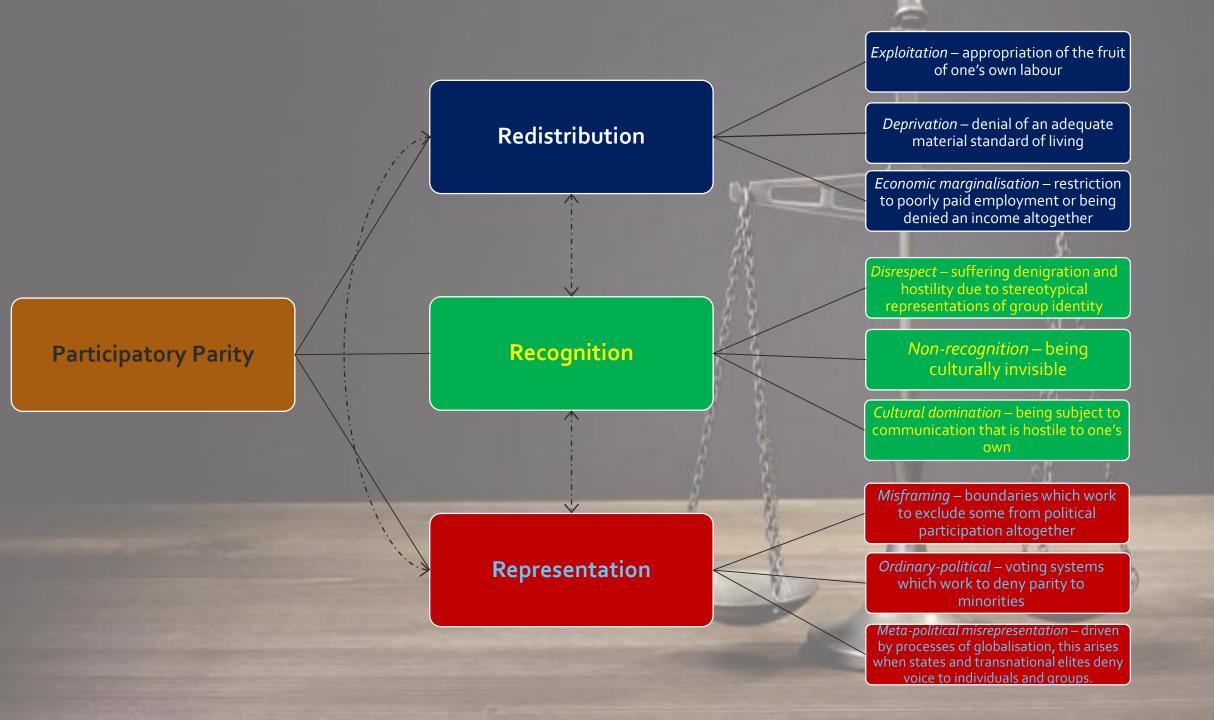




## WHAT I'M DOING

- a) Interviewing a cohort of YP
- b) Policy Analysis
- c) Interviewing practitioners working with YP







Megan: Load of shite...rock climbing and that, I was like I'm here to find a job, no tae go fucking rock climbing...crap! Just like, people skills and that, I hate that, I ken how to talk to folks, and that was really it...health and safety, I got that so at least I got something then I left, this is crap, and they were like we'll find you a placement for this long, like, ah'm no working for that...

Sue: ...(long pause)...I genuinely...I don't think they'd know what the point of it was...there was no point to it...it was meant to be gie you a good CV, saying that you've done so many hours of volunteer work, but it wisnae as if they had you volunteering in things that were going to help you...but they never they just haud us doing this massive amount of shit, it's the only way I can describe it...I dinnae like...\*sighs\*...like thinking back at it, ah dinnae ken why the hell I done it...\*voice cracking\*....

Scott: after 5 weeks I got a placement at Arnold Clark's car valeting...done that for around 5 weeks, was up at 6am every morning, starting at 9 making my way there - I had to get the bus every single day...we're getting the cars that are absolutely filthy...so a week before it ended, eh I stopped going 'cos I lost my daysaver and the guys didn't give two shits so I had to walk home and that took 3 hours so I was like, I'm not going back, fuck that...yeah...slave my arse off for absolutely nothing.

Ryan: ...that was like a basic course...so what we did there was learnt about mechanics like, basic stuff and then we got a placement but I was basically being treated like, I wasn't really learning I was just tidying up for the guy...for like, 4 months...I was getting like, treated like, not like crap...he was making me tidy his garage like, all the time, sweep the floor, I know it's the basics but I was doing it all the time and I was wanting to get in and dae the work, even if it was basics like changing a tyre but he was like he always wanted him, he always wanted to do the job.

Val: Aye, not enough for luxuries or whatever...obviously we cannae have holidays and that...but that's not expected from the Job Centre...just enough to scrape by. I dinnae dae anything, dinnae go oot anywhere nice or that... ah dinnae waste ma money, ah dinnae smoke or drink or go oot so l dinnae use it on that...ah dinnae get oot, ah dinnae get to do zoo trips or whatever, ah dinnae go oot anywhere...basically ah just run [daughter] to nursery, come here, take the dogs oot and that's it... I suppose I get peace and quiet but then there's no-one to talk to...



Megan: You can dae anything if you want to dae it, that's the way ah see it, I could be a lawyer if I wanted tae. Like ah hate people that moan, aw ah cannae dae this, you can dae it, be positive, you need to want it that bad, if you dinnae want it that bad you're no going to be in for it. Some people arnae motivated, I'm 100% motivated constantly.

Craig: ...because anybody can do it, you just have to try, it's just a matter of effort, if you really want something you have to put in whatever it takes and getting it...anybody can do anything that they want...if you put your mind to it.

Craig: ...ah'm oot 4 times a week handing CVs oot, here on a Tuesday, ah see ma careers advisor on a Tuesday after ah've been here, ah'm always applying for jobs online, been up till 3 in the morning applying for jobs, ah'm no just sitting aboot living the fucking life...ah'm actually looking for a job, d'ye ken what ah mean? Seriously, applying for anything, as a cleaner...what else is there? But you have to apply for it - it's a job, it's money, it's something tae dae... ah've been greetin'...ah want a job and ah'm so sick of sitting aboot. Makes you feel shit. Folk say you should feel alright, you can just lie aboot in your bed till whatever time.' It's no. You need suhing that's a stability, you need something worth living for, or there's no point of living if you've no got anything to dae....just sit aboot aw day, it's depressing...(long pause)...

Amanda: Makes me raging...'cos it's like you're saying that ah dinnae want to like, basically saying that ah'm no gonna get anywhere...gonna live on the dole aw ma life...like for me, working nearly 5 months, you're working for nothing, getting up at 9 in the morning working till 6 at night, spending an hour on a bus there and back aw aye...that's no lazy at aw that's no lazy...

Marie: 'cos ah didnae want to be on benefits ah'd rather be oot having a job...ah didnae want to be labelled as...ah dunno...like young mums get labelled as 'aw aye they only got pregnant for the benefits and the hooses and this and that'...but actually it's no like that.

## REPRESENTATION





Sue: Ah cannae be bothered listening to people with all these promises...you vote for them, you get none of the shit that they promise...it's no even an issue of trust it's just stop talking SHIT. When you start being serious and tell the truth, mibbe I'll start voting...(pause)...but they're all full of shit.

Amanda: ... every time they say they're gonna dae sumhing they never dae it anyway...so really there's nae point... hate them...they're a waste of time...

Lana: I did Modern Studies where we learned about it but that was more like voting systems and...we never really looked at the different parties, so to speak.

Ryan: I don't know very much about politics, it's not really a thing and...I don't know, I don't think it's something they teach in schools, I think it's something they should, I'd quite like it myself to learn more about politics and stuff, but, I dunno...I would like more opportunity to learn about it so then dunno, then if you're gonna vote you can vote and you're quite clued up about it.

Val: Dunno...wouldnae make much of a difference to me whatever happened... ah wiz listening to the radio last night and that's what they said...politicians arenae talking to the young ones and the young ones arnae voting...so there's older ones and they're voting and that's why things arenae moving forward...dunno....it's not really a choice for people like me...(long pause)...

