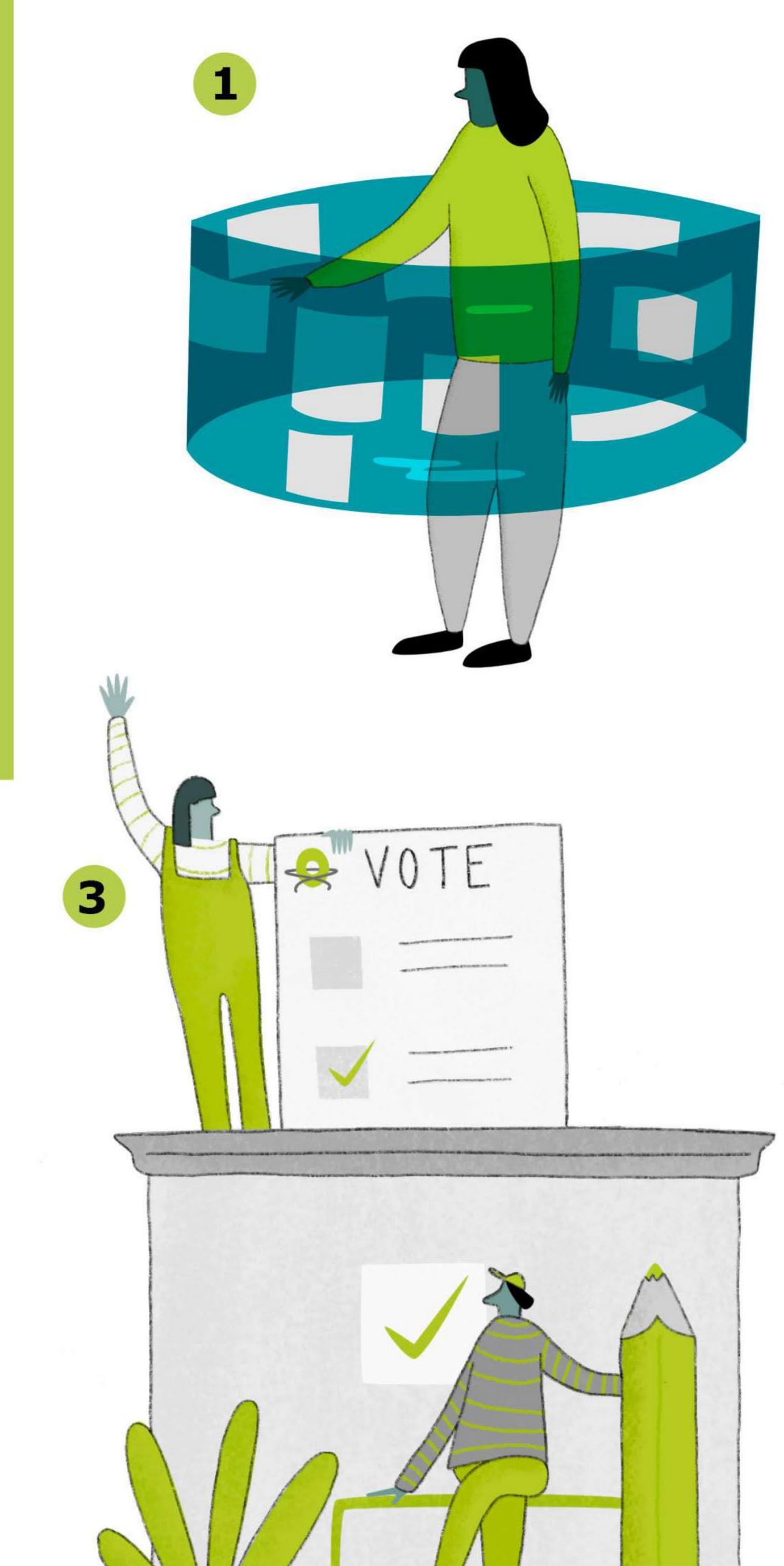
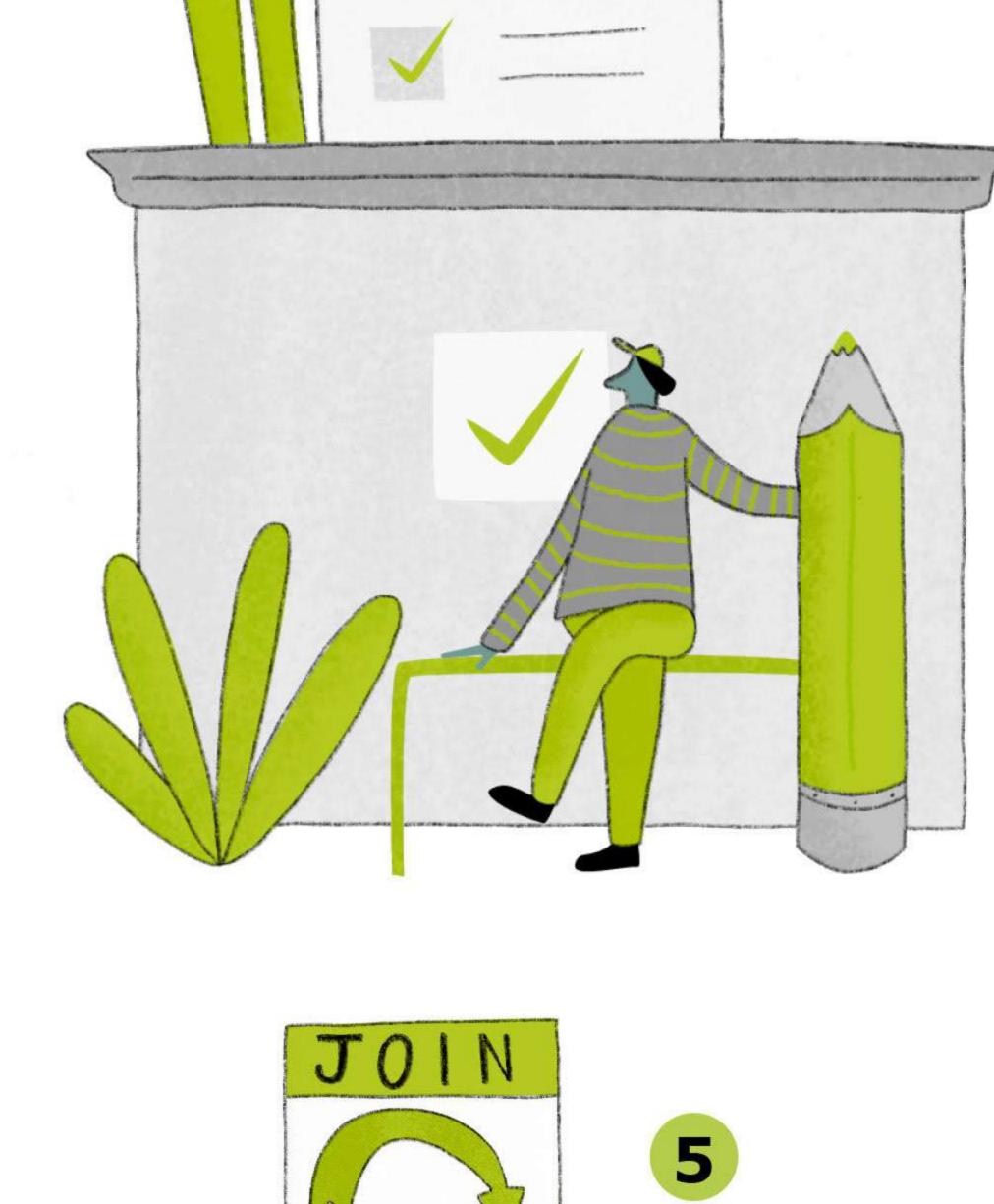
## HOW TO ENSURE YOUTH SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM PROGRAMS LEAD TO LIFE-LONG ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

Research tells us that we can ensure youth service and volunteerism programs lead to young people engaging as life-long changemakers and citizens by:

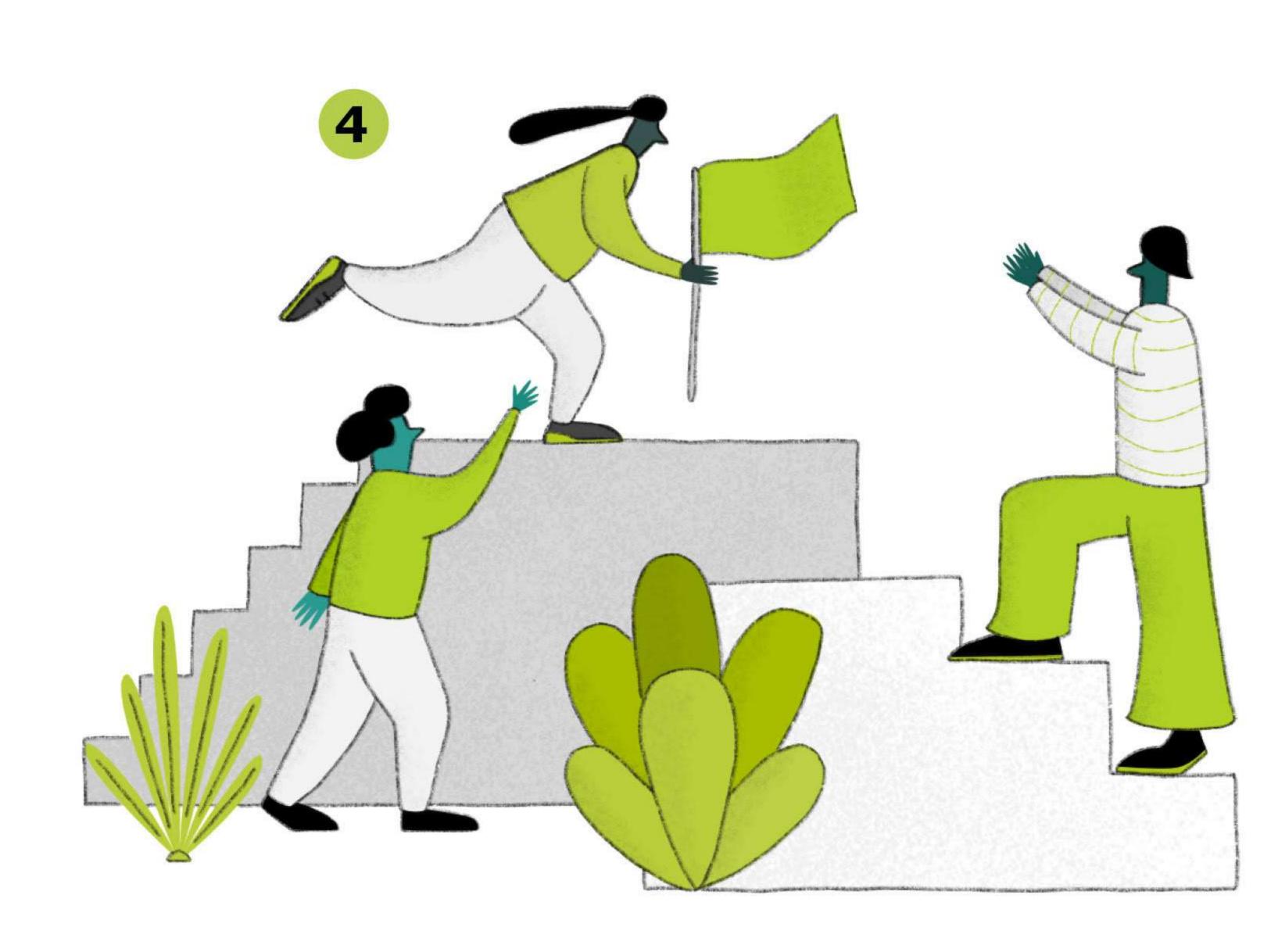
- Connecting volunteer or service projects to YOUNG PEOPLE'S INTRESTS.
- Ensuring the work young people do meet REAL NEEDS and that young people are given the opportunity to TAKE MEANINGFUL ACTION.
- Ensuring STRONG COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS and that young people connect with decision-makers.
- Ensuring respectful INTERGENERATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS AND MENTORSHIPS are prioritzed.
- Ensuring young people are MEANINGFULLY ENGAGED IN THE LEADERSHIP AND DECISION-MAKING structures of the organization(s) with whom they are working.
- Ensuring that programs intergrate TIME FOR REFLECTION and that these conversations are linked to systematic issues and long-term action.

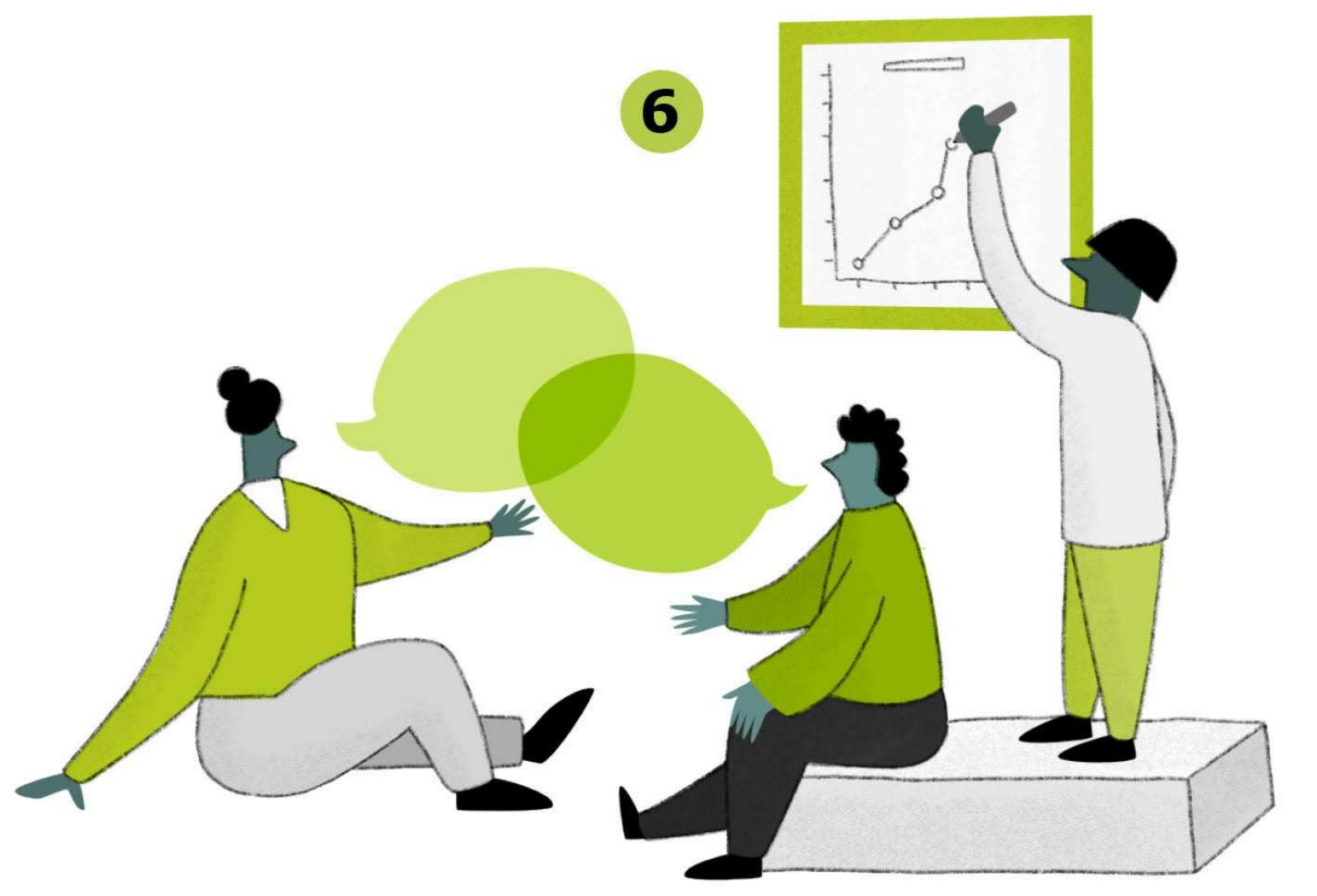
















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