HOW TO ENSURE YOUTH SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM PROGRAMS LEAD TO SOCIETAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT.

Research tells us we can increase societal and environmental impact of youth service and volunteerism programs by:

ensuring EVALUATIONS ARE MORE HOLISTIC and measure all intended outcomes of youth service and volunteerism, including the impact on the organization(s) and communities the young people are working in, as well as broader societal and environmental impacts.



3 Ensuring INTERGENERATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS and that young people have access to decision-makers and elected officials throughout their youth service and volunteerism experience.



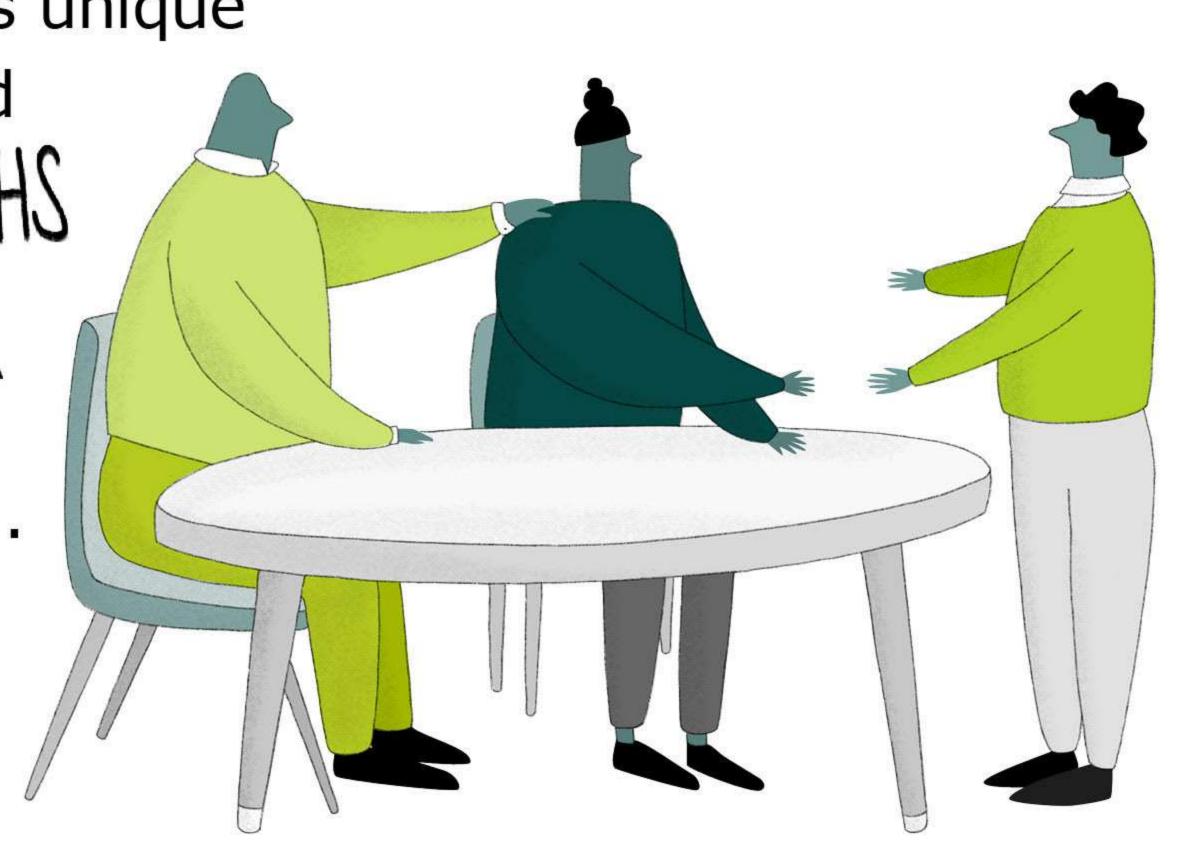
2 Ensuring community initiatives that young people work on during the course of their youth service or volunteerism programs have

CLEAR ACHIEVABLE SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS and that community organizations and youth

UTILIZE A SYSTEMATIC APPROACH TO CHANGE.



4 Ensuring that young people's unique abilities are recognized and YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRENGTHS ARE PUT AT THE CENTER of youth service and volunteerism programming.



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