The Youth Activism Project is an NGO, founded in 2004 by a group of pre-teens and adults who believe that there is no minimum age for leadership. Our teen participants create and lead advocacy campaigns that drive sustained impact on the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Our Model

Skills-Building
We enroll teens in our YOUth ACTivism Guide to Change, a self-paced, teen-created digital course on how to lead an influential and sustainable campaign.

Youth-Adult Partnerships
We match teens to an in-person or virtual Adult Ally, who serves as a campaign mentor who genuinely defers to and respects teen leadership.

Digital Community
We create a dynamic digital environment where teens can access additional resources and networks, learn from each other, and connect to build on each other’s efforts.

Our Future

In 2018, we transitioned from a volunteer initiative to a staffed organization to scale our model. Our goal is to activate 10,000 teens around the world by 2024. During this critical stage of growth, there are three ways to support us:

1. **Sign up for our newsletter.** Keep up-to-date with our programs by clicking [here](#).
2. **Donate.** Visit our [website](#) or contact us.
3. **Provide pro bono support.** If you have skills, expertise, or resources that could be useful to our growing nonprofit, please fill out [this form](#).
Where Our Teen-Led Campaigns are Located

Our Impact (2004 - Present)

1000+ teens activated
36 adult allies engaged
55 independent groups
6 issue areas
6 years average lifespan of campaigns
32 policies influenced
4500 people directly mobilized
$70k raised for all causes

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Before I got involved with Youth Activism Project...my mindset was that "I'm too young to make a difference", "This doesn't involve me." ...As I look back, I am ever grateful for the experience. It made me who I am today. I believe all youth should be able to get this experience, it is truly life-changing."

- Francis, Sugar Free Kids campaign activist

"The Youth Activism Project helped me discover a power I never knew I had. I was able to do incredible things before I could even vote, such as successfully lobby for a $200 million increase in US foreign aid for education. Today, I lead the Youth Activism Project because I am committed to paying forward my experiences to other youth unaware of their power, too."

- Anika, co-founder of the Youth Activism Project

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