

Stages of Service Learning

Three steps to becoming a changemaker

INVESTIGATE

- ask questions & be curious
- interview people in the community
- look for assets and needs in the community
- connect what you know about the SDGs to the school, the neighbourhood, the city
- do research (go online, read books, carefully observe people in my community)

PLAN

- create a goal for taking action that will result in positive change
- create a list of all the things you need to do to take action; be as specific as you can
- create a list of anything you need for your plan (supplies, help from others, etc.)
- create deadlines for each step of your plan
- if you're working as a team, assign responsibilities to each person

ACT

- take action!
- stick to your plan and deadlines
- if you run into obstacles, get help from others to keep moving
- be persistent and see your plan through to the end
- talk to people along the way: how are they feeling? what is changing?
 - be positive at all times
- document what you are doing (take pictures and video, capture quotations and other important details)

*After your action is over, don't forget to **share what you did with others!***

Tell your story and inspire others to become changemakers, too!

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Reflection: key questions



What did you observe?

What worked and what didn't?

What have you learned about yourself?

What have you learned about your community?

What values, opinions, beliefs have changed?

What was the most important lesson learned?

How have you been challenged?

What should others do about this issue?

What impact did you have on the community?

What did you learn about people who are different from you or your friends and family?

What are your next steps?

What needs to be done to continue work in this area?

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Project Zero's 3 Ys:



1. Why might this [topic, question] matter to me?
2. Why might it matter to people around me [family, friends, city, nation]?
3. Why might it matter to the world?

You can ask these questions to begin investigating a community or global issue. You can also ask these questions during the planning and action stages of service, and at the end when you are reflecting on your experience and what you learned.

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