

THE POWER OF YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

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“It is clear from the current political and social landscape that youth today crave recognition as equal contributors in shaping a just society.”

- Helgeson & Schneider

Youth Engagement in Community Change

The “Double Arrow”



*“Meaningful” Youth Engagement is defined as actions that youth take, usually **working in partnership with Adults**, to achieve commonly held external goals that address conditions or concerns that matter to youth and their communities.*

- Ford Foundation

“When youth become engaged in community activities they develop the skills needed to be an effective leader.”