

# Program Activities



Using the “think global, act local” mindset, members of Students for Change are encouraged to assess their community needs to identify the goals for their chapter. Once a mission is prioritized, students may design programs based on the following three initiatives:

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## Examine Facts

Build the foundation of advocacy efforts with the facts behind the cause. Understand the history, community impacts, pertinent statistics, and other important information related to the mission. Research relevant service projects and political initiatives from around the world. This knowledge will help guide meaningful conversations and prioritize solutions.



Examples:

- ▶ **Research workshops:** Collect factual data for problem-solving and developing solutions.
  - ▶ **Expert Guests:** Host leaders to speak on policy background, relevant data, etc.
  - ▶ **Professional Arenas:** Attend conferences or networking events that highlight relevant areas of advocacy efforts.
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## Engage in Discussion

Get to know the community worth fighting for. Develop intentional time for meaningful conversation within the classroom and beyond. Understand an issue’s various impacts from diverse perspectives. Use educational foundations to guide the forums and inspire action.



Examples:

- ▶ **Policy Reviews:** Analyze recently passed or proposed legislation via forums or panels of leaders in the public and social sectors.
- ▶ **Community Forums:** Create opportunities to hear from specific demographics and/or community members in need.
- ▶ **News Talks:** *Establish community events to discuss current events and different points of view.*

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## Execute Action

Identify sustainable solutions based on research and inspired by the conversation. Develop action items to bring meaningful initiatives into the community. Raise awareness of the mission and engage community influencers. Ensure leaders will commit to the long-term success of projects.



Examples:

- ▶ **Demonstrations:** Pursue peaceful community-wide gatherings.
- ▶ **Communication Campaigns:** Contact government officials via phone calls, letters, or in person.
- ▶ **Solution Workshops:** Design community projects or craft policy proposals that pursue long-term solutions.

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