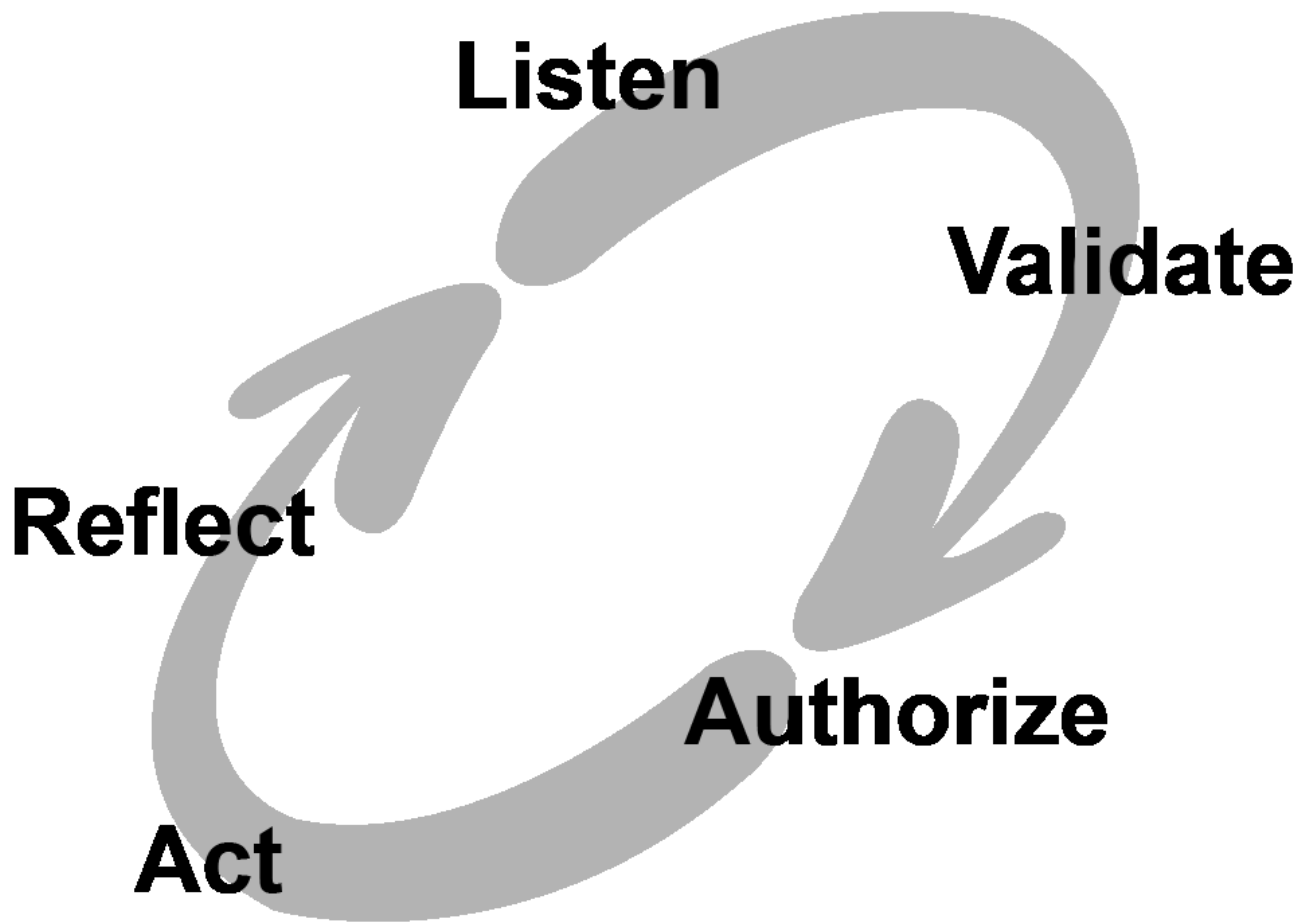


5 Steps to Engage All Youth



(See reverse for explanation.)

Reflection Questions

1. Who are the specific youth you want to engage in your program, organization, or community?
2. What exactly do you want to engage youth in?
3. When and where in your program, organization, or community do ANY of these steps regularly happen *right now*?
4. Which steps do *not* happen with young people right now?
5. After you've answered those questions, discuss what some new opportunities are for youth engagement in your program, organization, or community.

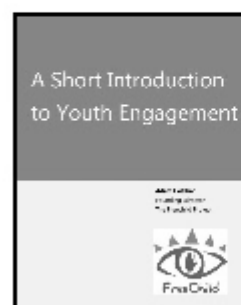
Activity Three: 5 Steps for Youth Engagement

Here are five steps to engage any youth, anywhere, at any time, for any reason. See the reverse for the activity.

1. **Listen:** What do the young people you want to engage care about? What do they say they're sustainably connected with?
2. **Acknowledge:** Let youth know you're listening to them by affirming, denying, or inquiring further about what they're saying.
3. **Authorize:** Provide active opportunities for young people to experience authority through learning and strategic positioning.
4. **Act:** Take action with or support young people as they create change.
5. **Reflect:** Look back strategically at youth engagement and identify new learning, challenges, successes, and opportunities.

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