



Become a Youth Voice Advocate and create opportunities for youth to get involved in the community!

We believe that engaging youth in decision making and leadership roles is the key to both community and youth development. The following simple actions can help make sure there are opportunities for the youth you care about to contribute positively to the issues that are important to them.

☆ Call the principal at your child's school.

Do they regularly engage their students when making both school- and district-level decisions? Find out if they have a student member of their site council.

☆ Call the non-profit organization that receives your donations.

Find out if they have significant youth representation on their Board of Directors. Particularly youth-serving organizations: Do they involve youth in program planning/development, implementation and evaluation?

☆ Call your City Councilmember.

Tucson City Wards 1, 2 and 3 utilize Youth Funders Groups to make decisions about how to spend Youth Services funding. Find out how your City Councilmember engages youth in decision making.

☆ Call your Pima County District Supervisor.

Do they engage youth in decision making? Do they have a mechanism to receive youth input on issues?

☆ Go to the next meeting of your neighborhood association.

Does it engage youth as resources and as community leaders/decision-makers (including project design and implementation as appropriate)?

If they're interested in involving youth and don't know how ... they can call us at 615-2100. We're here to help individuals and organizations engage youth in decision making.