

# The Young Decision Makers Project Model

## Young Decision Makers (YDM) Project:

### 4) Decision Making

Deciding how we decide.  
YDM positions on topics.  
Defining our voice to others.

### 3) Discussing Issues

Materials for young people to  
inform and explore with others.  
Space for exploring and  
communicating ideas.

### Children and Youth Constituency Building

Choosing how youth participate and/or are  
chosen as representatives.  
Ensuring representatives consult and represent diverse youth.  
Create action opportunities to involve other youth.

### 5) Inform Policy Makers

Recommendations to  
governments, businesses and  
youth organizations.  
Reporting responses back to  
members.

### 2) Studying Issues

Identifying the issues related to  
the topic.  
Gathering research: our own  
experience, others' experience  
and science.

WIDESPREAD PARTICIPATION

### Step 1) Action : Child and Youth Programs

**Initiate:** Action or idea identified by a young  
person or organization to explore.  
**Back to Step 1) Sustain:** Acting upon some of  
the recommendations and evaluating.

SUPPORTS

Sustainers: new action steps