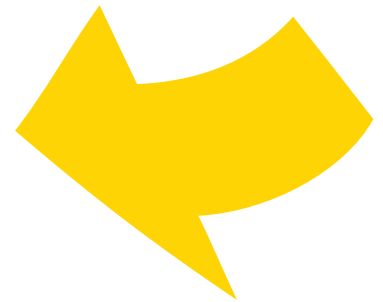
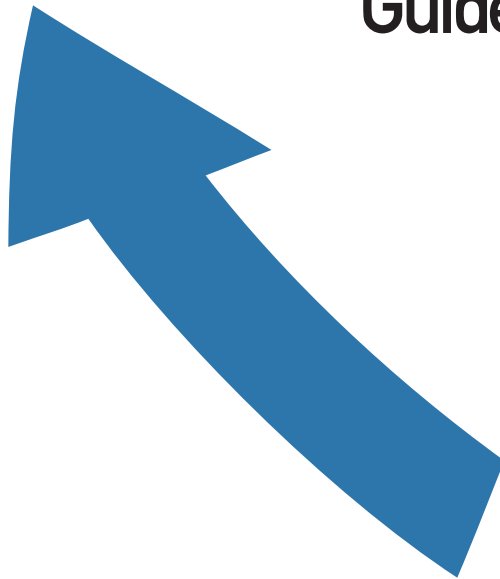


# Guide to Action



Simple Steps Toward Change // // // //



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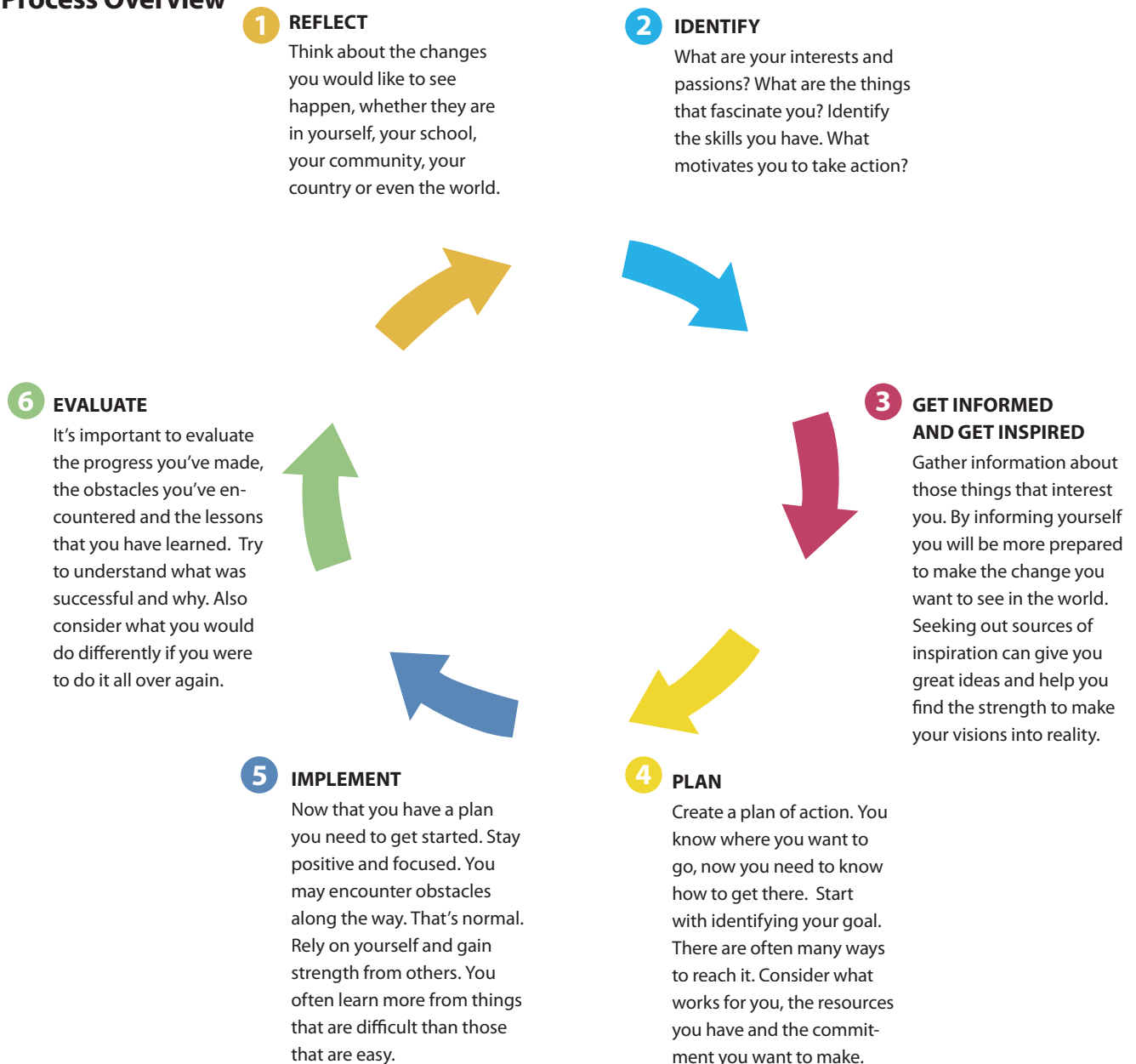
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## Introduction

Welcome to the Guide To Action. It can help you turn your dreams into reality. This guide will provide you with the direction, inspiration and information you need so that you can effectively make the changes you want to see in the world. Good luck and remember to have fun!

## Process Overview



## Reflect

Take a moment to REFLECT on the world around you. Think about what you see. Imagine the world you would like to live in. Now what would you need to change in order for the world to come closer to your vision?

### Can you think of some things you would like to change or improve?



About yourself?

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About your school?

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About your community?

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About your country?

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About the world?

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## Identify Your Passions

What is most important to you? What would motivate you to act? It is important to identify the issues that interest you because they will help to guide your approach to change.

### Step 1: What issues are you passionate about?

With any initiative you undertake, it's important to ensure that it's something you feel passionate about. To get started create a list of issues that are important to you.

**It could look something like this:**    **Now create a list of your own:**    **What are your top five?**

education	_____
animal rights	_____
pesticide use	_____
pollution	_____
HIV/AIDS	_____
landmines	_____
human rights	_____
child poverty	_____
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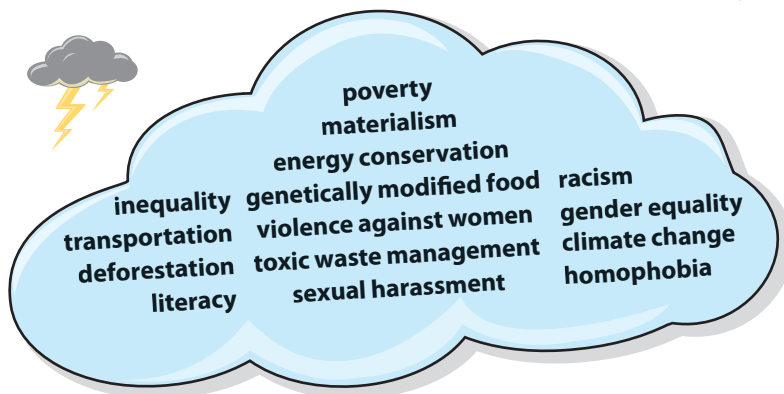
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#### TIG Member Top Five:

According to a recent TakingITGlobal survey, the top 5 social issues of interest to youth include:

1. Health & HIV/AIDS
2. Peace & Conflict
3. Environment
4. Human Rights
5. Globalization

### Brainstorm! What else interests or concerns you?



View the TakingITGlobal Role of Youth Survey:  
<http://research.takingitglobal.org/roleofyouth/>



#### On the Net:

From Albania to Zimbabwe, are you interested in knowing about the interests of other young people around the world? Visit: <http://featuredmembers.takingitglobal.org>

## Identify Your Potential

### Step 2: What are your interests, attributes and abilities?

Now that you have identified your passions, let's take a look at what you like to do and what you're good at. Create your own list to identify these things. Think about your daily activities. Include everything you enjoy. Through doing the things you enjoy, you have developed attributes and abilities that will help you reach your full potential.

#### Things I like to do:

- Playing on a sports team
- Repairing things
- Playing a musical instrument
- Having a part-time job
- Participating in school clubs
- Writing for the school newspaper
- Drawing comics
- Meeting new people
- Surfing the net



#### Words that describe me:

- Responsible
- Creative
- Sympathetic
- Persistent
- Hard working
- Outgoing
- Dedicated
- Insightful
- Organized



#### What I can do:

- Write creatively
- Speak publicly
- Design a web page
- Teach others
- Paint and draw
- Research on the internet
- Build things
- Speak a second language
- Motivate people



#### Things I like to do:

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#### Words that describe me:

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#### What I can do:

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**Combine your *passion* and your *potential* and see what you can do!**

- Host a "Battle of the Bands" with all proceeds going toward a local charity
- Organize an art contest about human rights to create awareness in your community
- Arrange a food drive during the holiday season for a food bank in your neighbourhood.

