

ACTION PLAN

- Worksheet Format -

This Action Plan is a resource that will help your Team plan and launch a successful Venture. It is the first step to becoming a part of the global network of young people creating and leading positive social change.

This Action Plan is designed for Venture Teams who prefer to present their ideas in a worksheet style presentation. An alternative Action Plan format is available for Teams who prefer a narrative/essay-based approach.

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Youth Venture Action Plan

Welcome to Youth Venture!

Welcome to an emerging movement of **young people leading real community change**. This is your opportunity to **take charge** and to show that you and your Team, as young people, have the power to **shape your world**. Youth Venture's vision is a world of Everyone a Changemaker™ through a global culture of young people initiating positive, lasting change. Youth Venture's mission is to build a global movement of young people being powerful now, changemakers now.



This **Action Plan** will help you think through your idea and form it into a successful Venture. A Venture is an ongoing project created and launched by young people that **positively impacts their community**. Your Venture idea is up to you! Ventures can be school-based clubs, community organizations, or for-profit or nonprofit businesses. To help you launch your idea, Youth Venture offers a range of support including **up to \$1,000** in seed funding and an **Action Kit** (a tool kit of essential resources for young changemakers).

Below are the criteria for becoming a Youth Venture Team:

- You and your Venture's leadership Team are between the **ages of 12-20**.
- Your Venture **benefits the community**.
- Your Venture is **youth-created** and **youth-led**.
- Your Venture is a **new** organization or a major new program of an existing organization.
- Your Venture has the support of adult **Ally**.
- Your Venture is ongoing and **sustainable** (not a one-time event).
- Your Venture has clear, **attainable goals**.
- Your Venture has a **realistic budget**.
- You are a part of a **Team** of at least two members that is trustworthy and committed to ethical standards.



Action Plan Timeline

As a Youth Venture Team you will be expected to:

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Complete one Action Plan as a team. Options of Action Plan format include:

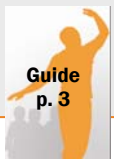
- a) Worksheet Format (in Microsoft Word)
- b) Narrative Format (in Microsoft Word)
- c) Online Action Plan: www.genv.net/en-us/node/add/yvapply under 'Launch YV Team.'

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Submit an Action Plan. Because Youth Venture wants to help your Team be truly successful in this effort, we will provide feedback on your work and may ask you to **revise** certain sections. Sometimes your Team may need to include more detail or mention something additional.

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Present to a Selection Panel. You will be invited to present your idea and plan to a Selection Panel - a group of community members who believe in the power of youth and want to help your team be successful. This Action Plan will serve as your team's application for grant funding from Youth Venture and for official acceptance into the Youth Venture network. (See Action Plan Guide to view a timeline of the steps needed to start and sustain a Venture.) See the next page for more information on the Guide.



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Section 1 of 4:

VENTURE IDEA



Venture Idea

Goals/ Roles/ Sustainability

Timeline/ Budget

Team Information Forms

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Get your ideas down on paper! Please thoughtfully answer the questions below. These questions will help you explain the heart of your idea. The more you think about these questions now, the easier it will be to complete the rest of the Action Plan and build your Venture. Feel free to expand to another page if you need more space to write. {See Guide for tips on thinking about these questions and brainstorming a Venture idea.}



What's your Venture idea? _____

What inspired your idea? (What are the reasons your Team wants to create a Venture?)

How will your Venture help your community? _____

Success will be defined differently by each Venture Team. What will success look like for you and your Venture Team? How will you *know* that your Venture is achieving its goals and benefiting the community? _____

What is the name of your Venture? _____



Venture Idea	Goals/ Roles/ Sustainability	Timeline/ Budget	Team Information Forms