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Selection Panels help ensure teams have strong plans and are ready to move to the next step of launching as a Youth Venture Team. Selection Panels also help determine the amount of seed funding needed to launch the Venture.

**Social Entrepreneur \*\*:** Social entrepreneurs are individuals with innovative solutions to society's most pressing social problems. They are ambitious and persistent, tackling major social issues and offering new ideas for wide-scale change. Rather than leaving societal needs to the government or business sectors, social entrepreneurs find what is not working and solve the problem by changing the system, spreading the solution, and persuading entire societies to take new leaps.

**Technical Allies:** Technical Allies are youth and adults who share their experience and expertise with Venturers.

**Technical Allies Special Guest Series:** One hour conference calls, held twice per month, during which an adult with significant knowledge in a subject area and an experienced Venturer each present on a given topic and take questions.

**Venture:** A Venture is a sustainable club, organization, or business created and launched by a young person to make a difference in his/her community.

**Youth Council:** A Youth Council is a committee of current and former Venturers who advise and bring youth voice to Youth Venture and engage other youth in the YV movement.

**Youth Venturers:** A Venturer is a young person between the ages of 12 and 20 who sees a problem affecting his/her community, has an idea how to change the problem and create a positive solution, and organizes a team of young people to work to improve their community.

**Youth Venture:** Youth Venture invests in the ideas and capacity of youth ages 12-20 to build a global movement of young changemakers. 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 is the foundation for an *everyone a changemaker* world, the key factor for success for every society, organization, and person.

\* from Merriam-Webster online: [www.m-w.com](http://www.m-w.com).

\*\* from [www.ashoka.org](http://www.ashoka.org).