

# How to design a Community Service Project *For Students*

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1. Decide what the topic of your Service Project will be. You can find 100 Service Project Ideas on our website here: [www.americanyouthcouncil.com/free-resources](http://www.americanyouthcouncil.com/free-resources)
2. Do some internet research on the idea that you have and find more resources to use for your project, like YouTube videos on the topic, etc.
3. Think ahead to decide how you are going to carry out the project. Make a list of the resources and materials you need:
  - a. Do you need a team of people?
  - b. Do you need funds?
  - c. Do you need permission from people (like parents, teachers, businesses, etc.)
  - d. Do you need supplies, like writing or drawing , or other items required to conduct the project?
4. Write a brief Project Concept explanation of your project, what you hope to achieve, and the resources and materials you need.
5. Share your Project Concept with people you'd like to be involved, like:
  - a. Parents
  - b. Friends
  - c. Teachers
  - d. Coaches
  - e. Businesses or other agencies (like librarians, law enforcement, community groups, charities, churches)
6. Schedule a time to have a Project Design Meeting, and invite everyone who has agreed to help you.
6. At the Project Design Meeting, use a storyboard to develop the Project Design. A good tool for storyboarding is [www.storyboardthat.com](http://www.storyboardthat.com). Make sure to use the FREE version. You can use hundreds of pre-loaded art, characters, text and more to make your storyboard.
7. Distribute the storyboard to your team members. Make sure to tell any student team members to ask their parents for permission to work on the project.
8. The project could also include posters, a newsletter, and pamphlets, which you could make from your storyboard.
9. Have a project launch party to kickoff the Project, and a wrap party when it's finished.

## Additional Connections

Think about other areas that you may find have connections to your project:

- **Health**
- **Technology**
- **Art**
- **Library Media**
- **Writing**