



# Youth activism in classroom

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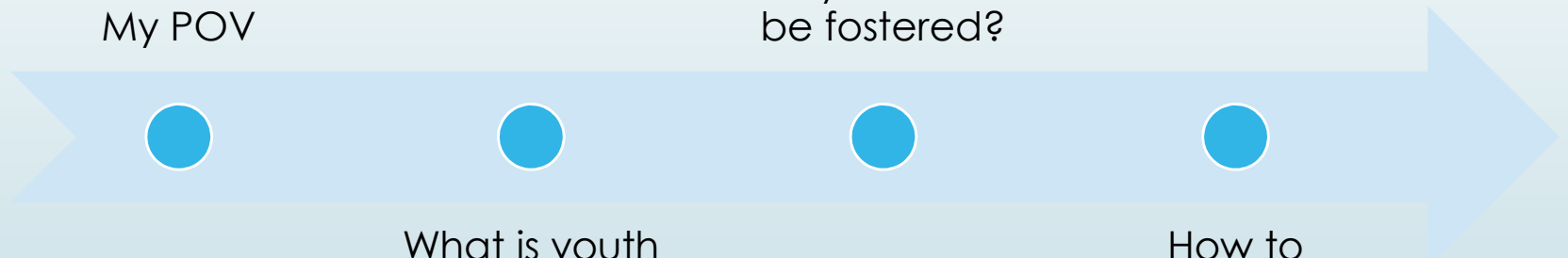
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My POV

Why it should  
be fostered?

What is youth  
activism?

How to  
support youth  
activism in the  
classroom?



# My background and POV

## WHAT IS YOUTH WORK FOR?

**ENABLING**  
young people to do the  
things they want to do  
together and individually

Providing young people  
with opportunities to  
**EMANCIPATE**  
and gain autonomy

Providing young people  
with healthy and safe  
opportunities for leisure  
that they can **ENJOY**



**EMPOWERING**  
young people to change  
things they think need to be  
changed in their immediate  
surroundings and society

Helping young people to  
**ENGAGE**  
with power and policy

Providing young people with  
relevant and engaging  
non-formal **EDUCATION**  
opportunities that improve  
their competencies

# My topic?

Which issue moves you?

Talk about it

Ask your students which issue  
move them!

They might be  
worried, angry, or  
hopeful and just  
passionate about  
certain issues

Issues we care about move  
and engage us in activism.



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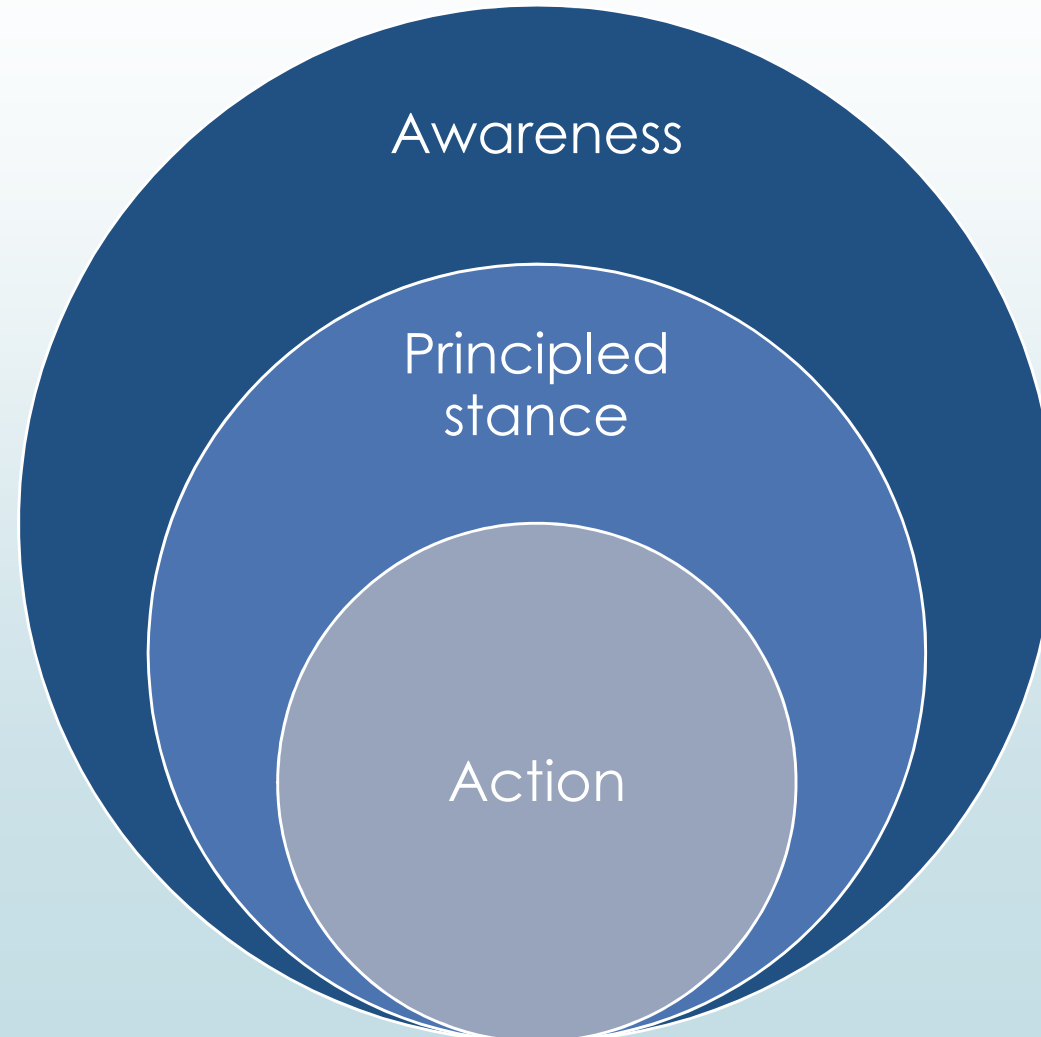
“Activism means positive activity by an individual or a group having a common goal, which affects the broader process of social change, for a better society, peace, equality and justice.”

• *Montenegrin National Youth Action Plan 2006-2011*

“Civil participation and activity imply that citizens have the rights, means, space and opportunities - and, where needed, support as well - to participate in decision-making and influence decisions, to get involved in procedures and activities in order to contribute to building a better society.”

• *Revised European Charter on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life, 2003*

# Youth activism

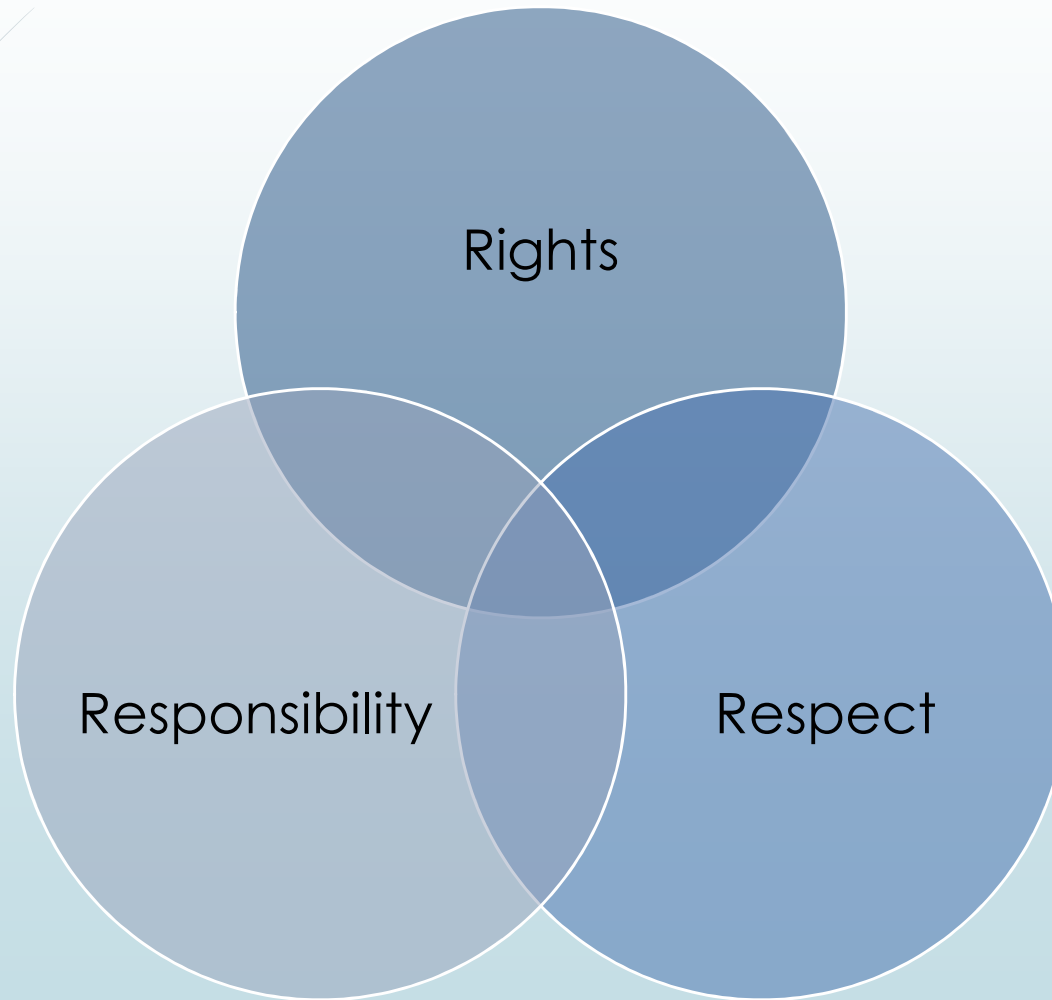




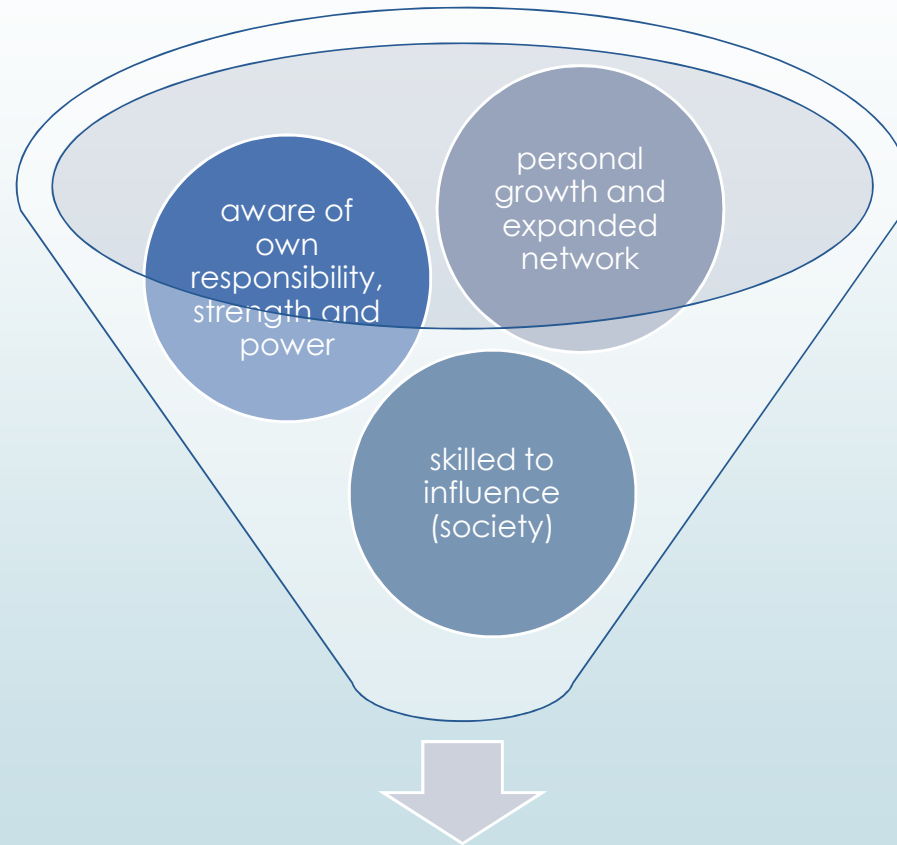
Questions? Comments...



# Importance of core values



# Why is youth activism important?



Empowered citizen participating  
in broader society shaping

# How to support youth activism in the classroom?

## Talk about activism early and often

Encourage questions

Ask for opinions

Encourage proposals

## Leverage resources

Seek and share lesson units

[198 ways of non-violent action](#)

Civil society organisations and movements around you

## Support actions

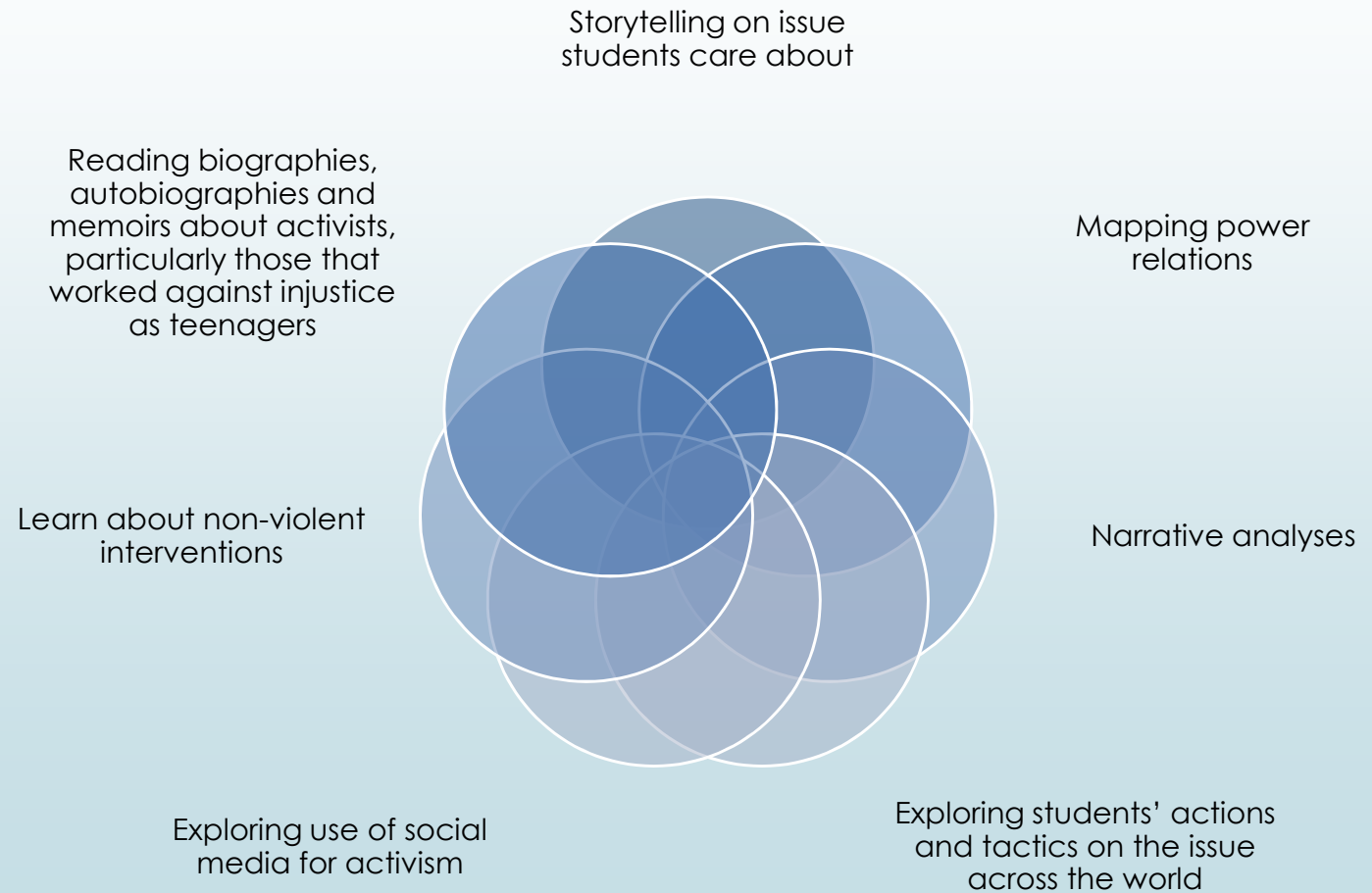
Encourage your students to speak-out

Connect the lessons/projects to issues your students care about

Be the support, leave the center and lead to students

Invite families to participate

# And in English language class?







## Ideas for what students can do?

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Educate others

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Advocate for legislation

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Run for position of decision-making power

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Protest

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Create a public awareness campaign that includes social media

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Do a survey about the issue and share the results

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Raise money

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Write a letter to an actor in power/responsible

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Engage with civil society organisation / community service provider

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Get the press involved

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## Is it a teachers' role?

“Teaching is more than imparting knowledge; it is inspiring change. Learning is more than absorbing facts; it is acquiring understanding.”

• William Arthur Ward

“Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire.”

• William Butler Yeats

Thank you for attention!



And let's leap together 😊