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# USAID Youth Corps Webinar on How to Engage Youth in the Program Cycle

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*Advancing solutions to transform the lives of young people*



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## YouthPower Learning Youth Engagement (YE) Community of Practice

- Co-champions
  - Christy Olenik, Making Cents International
  - Caity Campos, World Learning
- Facilitator:
  - Lindsey Woolf, Making Cents International
- Started December 2015
- 285 members
- Two working groups – YE indicators & youth participation



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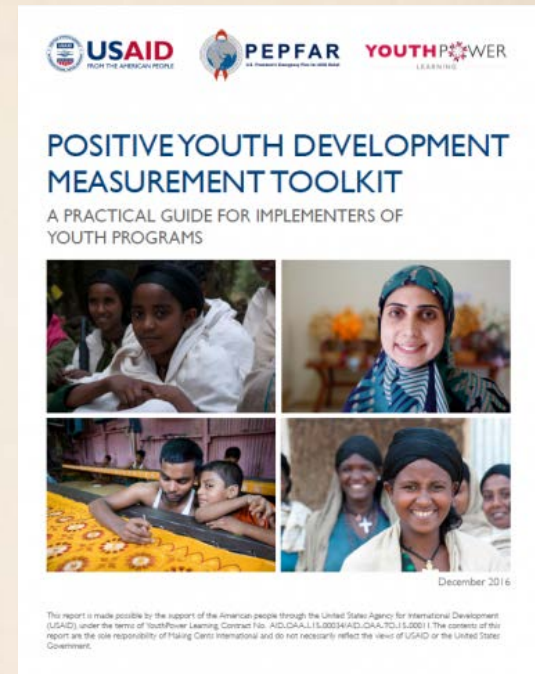
**Goal 1:** Contribute and disseminate a shared definition of YE for YouthPower

**Goal 2:** Support the development of measurement indicators focused on YE

**Goal 3:** Create a space for the sharing of YE experiences and group problem solving

**Goal 4:** Develop a clearinghouse of resources and tools on YE

**Goal 5:** Bring the youth voice into YouthPower activities





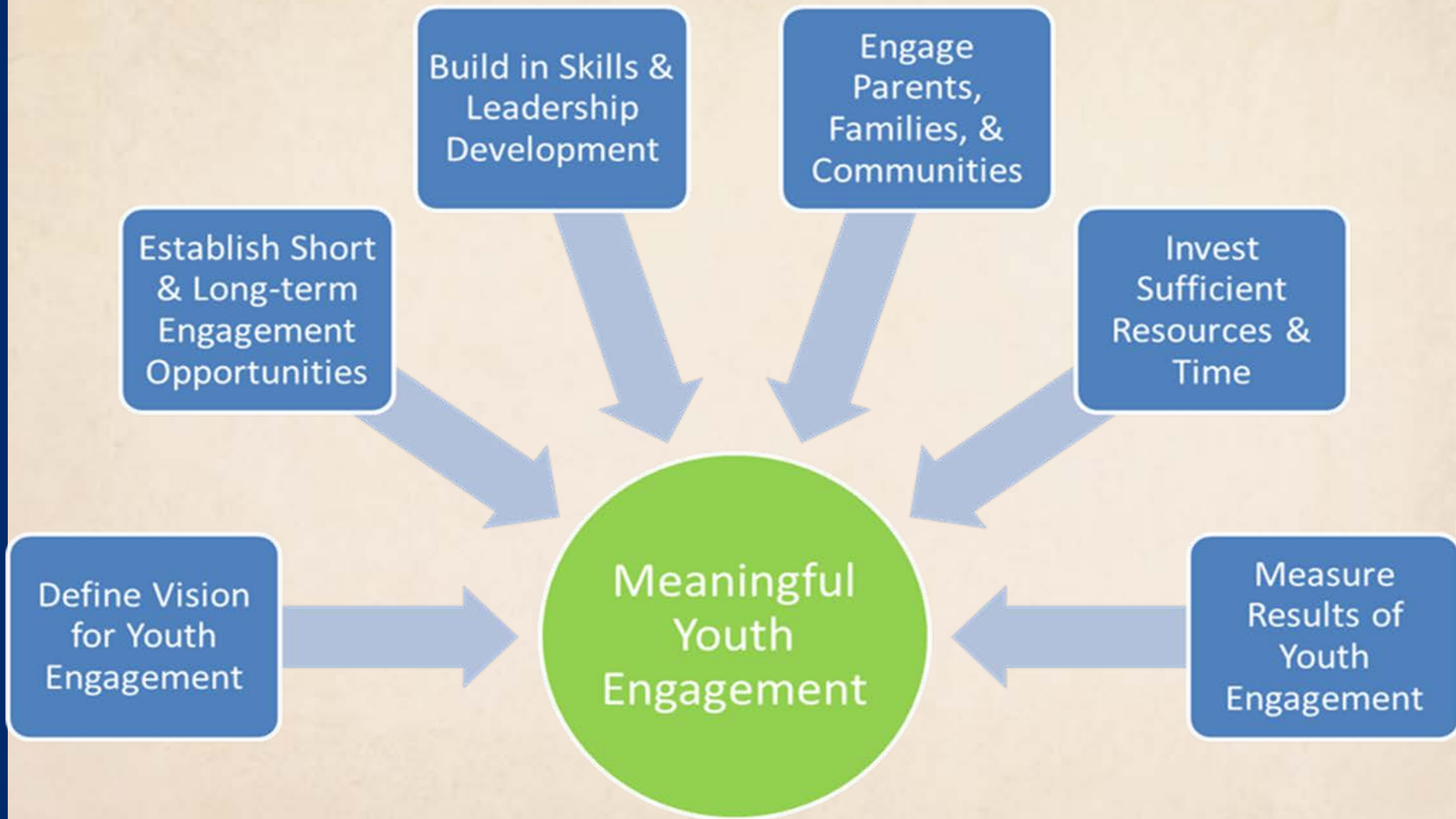
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## Six Tips





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# Possible Ways to Engage Youth in Program Cycle

Involvement: Involve YSEALI, YALI, YLAI members and alumni



Engagement: Employ youth as data collectors/mappers for assessments

Engagement: Include government affiliated youth groups or assemblies

Engagement: Involve youth-led organizations

Engagement: Create a youth advisory council

Engagement: Include service learning opportunities for youth skill building

Engagement: Include youth as trainers and peer educators

Engagement: Train and include youth as evaluators

Engagement: Engage university youth in relevant research studies

Engagement: Have youth identify activities of interest like sports, art and music, as platforms for learning



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Youth as mappers

<http://www.youthpower.org/resources/youth-map-program-international-youth-foundation>

Employ youth as data collectors/mappers for assessments

Train and include youth as evaluators

Youth advisory councils

<http://www.youthpower.org/resources/generationo-n-game-changers-establishing-youth-advisory-council-toolkit>

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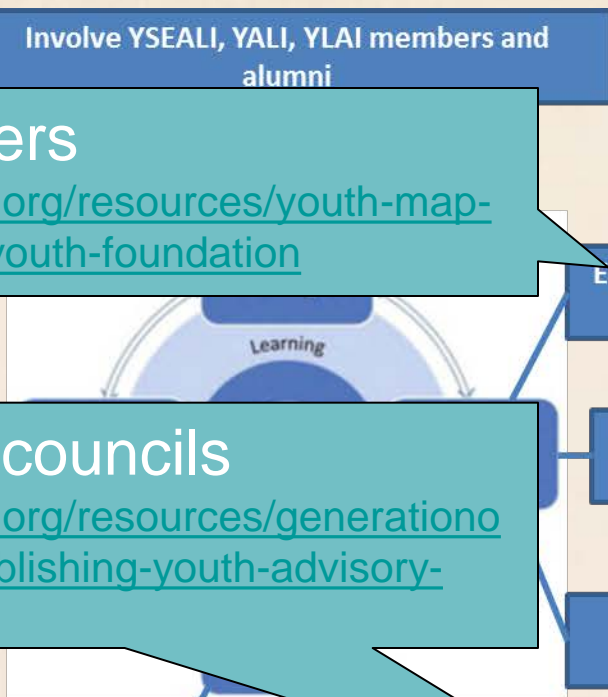
Service learning

<http://www.youthpower.org/resources/st-ages-service-learning-iparde-process>

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<http://www.youthpower.org/resources/participatory-evaluation-young-people>

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Engage university youth in relevant research studies

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Include youth as trainers and peer educators

Sports for learning

<http://www.youthpower.org/resources/ganar-beyond-sports-2015-barclays-sport-employability-award>

Youth as trainers

[https://youtu.be/\\_PsFnIH7DTU](https://youtu.be/_PsFnIH7DTU)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uo5Fj8gig74&t=4s>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rIEgXAD8xcE>

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Involve youth-led organizations

skill building





<http://www.youthpower.org/youth-engagement-cop>