



STATE OF  
**YOUTH**

# CHAPTER TOOLKIT



**SDG17**

**PARTNERSHIPS**

**FOR THE GOALS**





# The Sustainable Development Goals Partnerships for the Goals

At State of Youth, our ambition is to empower the youth around the world to help create positive change within their communities. In order to do so, we focus on the Sustainable Development Goals through the perspective of children's rights. We are excited to start this new theme on SDG #17 – "Partnerships for the Goals".

SDG 17 aims to achieve the SDGs through strong global partnerships and cooperation. The ability of the youth to seek out partnerships, network and build alliances, is unparalleled. Youth can act as the mobilisers of change in both the physical and digital spheres. Involving youth in working towards achieving the SDGs is crucial for realizing children's right to be heard and their right to participate. Through SDG 17, youth can voice their opinions, build partnerships among themselves as well as with other stakeholders, and can be the drivers of change locally and globally!

## The micro-themes that fall under this SDG include:

- Ageism
- Financial Inclusion
- Opportunities for Youth
- Youth and Politics
- Advocating as a young person
- Seat at the Table

**On the next few pages you can find ideas for events on SDG #17 – Partnerships for the Goals, with the objective of asserting the importance of the youth having a seat at the table in all decision-making processes.**

**These are just to give you some inspiration on what you could do, but of course you are more than welcome to come up with your ideas, or even try and make these activities your own.**



## STEP BY STEP

Step 1 – Start by thinking about what exactly you want to promote and who your target audience is. Select an event that is feasible with the resources you have and is best suited for your cause and the group you would like to reach.

Step 2 – Once you have selected an event make sure that you have the event approved by us before you move forward into the next stage ([click here](#)).

Step 3 – Next you need to plan the logistics of the event, ie. the venue, the promotional materials, the materials you will need for the activity, etc. Make sure to assign different roles and tasks to different people in your Chapter, teamwork makes the dream work!

Step 4 – Host the event. Don't forget to take pictures (with consent) and note down who/how many people attended.

Step 5 – Report your event. There is an online form that you must fill out at the end of each event. Please also submit any photos or videos you took during the event.



# Activities

Here are the 3 activities that you can carry out while working on SDG 17:

- a. Fundraising and Volunteer Support to a local NGO
- b. Youth Meeting/Parliament
- c. SOY Chapter Collaboration

On the next pages you can find the steps to carry out each one of these activities!



# 1 Fundraising and volunteer support to a local NGO

**This activity will help the participants in understanding the importance of partnerships in the social sector and will be useful in improving their organisation, cooperation and coordination skills. It shows the participants that the youth can steer change and can support the work of the other stakeholders.**



- Start by compiling a list of contacts of officially registered NGOs/civil society organisations in and around your locality, based on an SDG/children right that you want to work on.



- Now, try to contact these organisations, one at a time, to understand if they need any support, either financially or volunteer support.



- Finalise one of such organisations that you want to collaborate based on the urgency of the organisation and decide whether you want to conduct a fundraiser or provide volunteer support for a specific period of time.



- If you want to provide volunteer support to the organisation for a specific period, make sure to specify the roles of each of the chapter members and the amount of time that they would have to volunteer for. Before doing this, speak to the staff of the organisation to understand their requirements and coordinate with your chapter members to know which role/s they would be comfortable with.



- If you want to conduct a fundraising activity for the selected organisation, you can follow our Module on Fundraising here (Link to be inserted)



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· You can then work with your chapter members and the staff of the organisation to finalise the details of the fundraiser, including – the purpose of the fundraiser, the time period within which you have to raise the funds, the strategy for the fundraiser (crowdfunding, through bake sale or book sale, game or quiz nights with entry tickets etc.).



· You can now go ahead with the fundraising activity as planned. Make sure to coordinate with the staff of the organisation at every step of this activity – planning and execution.



· After the activity, inform everyone who had participated about the total amount raised and thank everyone for their contribution and assistance. Also, inform them about how the amount is/will be used for a specific purpose by the organisation.



· Finally, ask the staff of the organisation if they would like to collaborate for any activities in the future and do not forget to report your event in the system.



## 2 Youth Meeting/Parliament

This activity will help the participants in enhancing their knowledge about specific issues that the local or global communities face. It will also help them in formulating informed views on such issues and in conveying them formally to their government. This activity asserts youth's right to a seat at the table.



- You can start by brainstorming with your chapter members to identify a specific topic/theme/issue that you want to talk about or give your inputs on.



- This can be about any policy or law in your country that you think should be amended or implemented in a better manner or it can also be to bring a specific issue to the notice of the leaders/government.



- Once you have decided on the topic/theme/issue, research on it and prepare an agenda for a meeting with youth. This can include your chapter members and other youth from your region, and you can call it a 'Youth Parliament/Meeting'. The agenda for the meeting will include specific aspects of the issue that you want to discuss and give your inputs on, the schedule for the Youth Parliament, the role of all the Chapter Members etc.



- Give all the interested participants at least 7 days to research about the topic so that you can have meaningful and informed discussions during the Youth Parliament.



- At the starting of the Youth Parliament, clearly announce the issue that would be talked about and how it is relevant to the local or global context. You can also read out the agenda quickly.



## 2 Youth Meeting/Parliament



- During the Youth Parliament, make sure that at least one chapter member is noting down all the points that are being made by the participants. These notes will be crucial while making the report after the conclusion of the parliament.



- Give sufficient time for every participant to put forth their opinion/suggestions about the issue at hand. It would be better to allocate some time for each participant so that everyone who wants to give their inputs, gets a chance to speak.



- At the end of the parliament, briefly summarise the points that were made during the discussions and thank everyone for participating and giving their inputs.



- Now, prepare a brief report of the meeting highlighting the opinions and suggestions on each of the aspects of the issue.

- Submit this report to a local administrator or leader and circulate it on your social media handles. You can also reach out to local news agencies and share your report with them.

- Report the event in the system and don't forget to share the pictures of the meeting (digital meeting or physical meeting).





# 3 SOY Chapter Collaboration

This activity helps the Chapters in working together on specific issues. It shows the participants that by forming collaborations with other Youth organisations/Chapters, they can enhance the impact of their work. It also brings together like-minded youth and can help in building long-lasting partnerships.



- Identify a Chapter or a group of Chapters that you would want to collaborate with, in order to conduct a specific activity (you can use the Chapter's Platform or State of Youth's Instagram to find them).



- Now, reach out to these Chapters and ask them if they would be interested in collaborating with your Chapter for carrying out a specific activity.



- You can collaborate and conduct the activity either physically - if the other Chapters are nearby and if it is allowed by the Corona Virus policies of your community, or digitally.



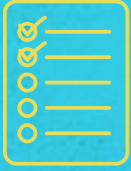
- Coordinate with the interested Chapters and identify a specific activity that you want to carry out.



- Now, in collaboration with the other Chapter/s, formulate a detailed plan for the activity. This will include information about the specific roles of each of the Chapters that are involved, roles of all the Chapter members that would be helping in conducting the activity, the date, time and place for the proposed activity, the various beneficiaries and stakeholders in the activity, the SDGs that are being targeted etc.



# 3 SOY Chapter Collaboration



· Now fill in the Activity Form in the system and wait for our approval. Make sure that you do it at least 2 weeks before the proposed date for the activity.



· Once you receive our approval, go ahead with the activity and click pictures and/or videos during the activity (with consent).



· Once the activity is finished, thank the members of the other Chapter/s for the collaboration and discuss if other such activities can be planned and conducted in the near future.



· Finally, report the event in the system.

