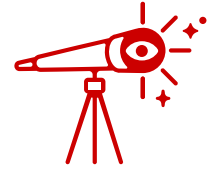


Module 3

Identify the Problem You Want to Solve



3.A.1

Brainstorm Problems

Great Leaders solve real problems for others. They have to be avid learners, always curious to find how the pain points others are experiencing and then have the right framework to create real change.

This Leadership Curriculum is not only teaching you how to lead but giving you the opportunity to practice it by creating a service project that solves a real problem in your school or community. Not only that, but after you complete your service project, you can submit your project to Lead4Change and pitch us why we should put money behind your ideas – up to \$10,000. That’s right, put in the work and you could find us funding your very own idea and helping to create impact through your service project. The money can go directly to a non-profit that you might work with or serve or directly to your school.

So let’s start with identifying an issue worthy of solving.

What is the problem?	Why does it matter?	Suggested solutions?
What do people need to know about this problem? Who is affected by this problem? What impact has this problem already had on your school or community?	Why is this problem important? Why should someone care about this topic?	What are people already doing to improve this problem? What other solutions are people planning to use in the future to address the problem?

Issue #1

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Issue #2

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Issue #3

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3.B.1

Select Problem For Your Project

In this activity you will be selecting a problem that your team will address with your Lead4Change project. Some examples may include student activism issues such as bullying or school safety. Answer the questions below to help you refine your research, select a problem with your team, and develop a list of people and things that will aid your team in finding more information to make your project successful.

Q What does all of this information mean to you and your team?

Q How can you use this information to help decide where to focus your efforts?

Q Who might benefit from your help?

Q What is the problem you would most like to work on with your team?

Reach Consensus:

What is *consensus*? It's when a group reaches a general agreement. Most teams must work together often to reach consensus when faced with a variety of issues.

Discuss your answer to the last question with your team. Work together to reach consensus, or general agreement. Select one topic you can all agree on that you would like to work on for your Lead4Change Project. Consider making a list of everyone's top choice and then voting in order to select one issue.

The problem we have selected is:



3.B.2

Build Know-How

Directions

Discuss your findings with your team. Give team members the opportunity to share their findings. Insert additional information on your chart as team members share.

Answer the questions below to help you refine your research, select a problem with your team, and develop a list of people and things that will aid your team in finding more information to make your project successful.

Spend time researching your selected problem. This may include internet research and talking to people and leaders related to the problem.

3	Who are three people I know who have some knowledge that will help me with my Lead4Change project? When and where can I connect with them to gain additional know-how?	1	
		2	
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2	What are two things I can start doing today that will help my team and me build know-how about the problem we selected?	1	
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1	What is one thing I can do to be sure I am listening to the thoughts and ideas of others?	1	