

# What can you expect?

By being part of a Youth Action Council, you will:

- Have the ability to plan and create things that youth want
- Advocate on behalf of youth in your community
- Share your ideas
- Plan awesome events!
- Learn how to set up and plan meeting
- Gain skills for future employment
- Work with adults who value your opinion
- Meet new people
- Get volunteer hours
- Make a difference
- Have fun!

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# YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL



Do you want to have your voice heard?


Are you interested in making a difference in your community?

Are you tired of limited youth options?

If YES, check out the  
**Minto and Mapleton Youth Action Councils!**



# What is a Youth Action Council?



A Youth Action Council is a youth-driven, grassroots initiative made up of local youth volunteers, aged 14-24.

Members have an opportunity to create change in their community and make a difference in the issues that affect youth. This is chance to have their voice heard!

Every Youth Action Council is **UNIQUE!**

These are just *some* of the projects that other Youth Action Councils have done:

- 1) Plan events like Coffee Houses, Ambush the Arts, Pride Prom
- 2) Connect with different service groups about new volunteer opportunities
- 3) Partner with agencies and philanthropic foundations to raise money for causes that matter to them
- 4) Speak at Town Council Meetings and MUCH MORE!


# Who can join?

Anyone between the ages of 14-24 who lives, works, or goes to school in

**Minto** (Palmerston, Harriston, and Clifford)  
OR

**Mapleton** (Drayton, Alma, and Moorefield)

is welcome to join!



Approximately  
3 hours a month!

We will have 2  
meetings a month  
for 1.5 hours each.

**HAVE YOUR SAY  
AND MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD**

# What does a Youth Action Council Do?

- Give youth a voice in the community
- Design and plan events
- Spread the word about youth events
- Advise local Council and businesses to ensure a youth perspective is kept in mind
- Partner with existing community groups
- Become involved in and/or start new initiatives
- Provide input about programs and opportunities available to youth
- Make a difference in the issues that affect youth
- And MUCH MORE!

A Youth Action Council is what **YOU** make of it!

There is no recipe or formula. **YOU** get to make the decisions, share your ideas, and come up with **YOUR** own plan!