



“Never doubt for a moment that a small group of dedicated citizens can change the world. Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has“

Margaret Mead

Diversity in Action



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Young People!!!

- co-op board members
- a 10 year old who hit a baseball through a window
- a 12 year old who helps rake the leaves
- a 15 year old who babysits
- a 16 year old who plays loud music
- an 18 year old who sits on the board
- a 20 year old who drag races on co-op roads

These are all youth. They are busy doing things young people do. How do they fit into our communities?

- sons and daughters
- brothers and sisters
- neighbours
- helpers
- friends
- playmates

Young people who live in co-ops!

They are much more!!

- future leaders
- board member
- creative minds
- future members

What do the youth in your community need? Ask yourself this!!!

- ✓ a home
- ✓ trust
- ✓ acceptance
- ✓ opportunity
- ✓ fun
- ✓ respect

When you look at young people, what do you see?

- ▲ youth who cause trouble?
- ▲ youth who don't listen?
- ▲ youth who won't follow the rules?

Look more closely!

- ▲ Have you asked them what they think about an issue?
- ▲ Have you involved them in problem solving?
- ▲ Do you learn from their abilities?
- ▲ Do you value them?
- ▲ Do you ask them about their ideas?

Now can you see?

- They **can** follow through.
- They **can** bring a new point of view.
- They **can** find solutions **that work.**

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All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and Rights
Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)