

Unit 3 – Focus on

1. How to make a difference

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Voice-over: Thousands of young people aged 11 to 18 vote in Youth Council every year! Youth councillors represent the voice of young people in the city. They make sure issues that are important to young people are raised with council leaders and decision makers.

Tora: I think it's very interesting to be a youth councillor. You help solve the problems in your city. This is my first time as a youth councillor, so I haven't met the Mayor yet or worked directly with city officials, but it's been great so far!

Hiba: Being a youth councillor is great! I've become more confident... I've attended meetings with adults, I've learnt to open up to others. I've really learnt new skills...

Rodney: I believe teens should get involved, they shouldn't just sit back and not care about city life... I love being a youth councillor: we've had debates on public transport, the environment and on schools, and we've had some great results: a very successful anti-bullying campaign in our schools; cheaper bus rides for young people and a great litter-picking campaign to clean up our city!

Tora: Have you ever thought of joining a Youth council? Have you ever tried to make things better in your community? If you are between 11 and 18 and you want to make a difference, don't wait...

All together: Get involved!