

The Five Stages of Service Learning

1 INVENTORY & INVESTIGATION

- Understand your interests and skills
- Identify a need
- Analyse the underlying problem

2 PREPARATION & PLANNING

- Develop a plan that encourages responsibility
- Collaborate with friends and community partners
- Define realistic goals for action

3 ACTION

- Ensure action has meaning and purpose
- Combine current and new skills
- Take actions that have real consequences

4 DEMONSTRATION

- Report to friends, parents and the community
- Make presentations, create performances or write articles
- Help others learn from your experiences



5 REFLECTION

- Describe what happened and discuss thoughts and feelings
- Receive feedback from partners and participants
- Examine the impact and consider project improvements

