Using Technology to Encourage Activism in Interdisciplinary Classroom,
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Kids for Social Justice
Six Ways Kids Can Change the World

After reading this website how does it state that kids can change the world?

http://sacraparental.com/2014/10/15/6-ways-kids-can-change-the-world-blog-action-day/

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Which method appeals to you the most and why? (Use complete sentences)

TEDx Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nBi0o9YVeR

What is a method Matt and Jack shared about how kids have changed the world?
Charitable Causes and You

What is an issue that you are concerned about in the world? Something you want to get better

Why?

Who/What is directly impacted by your topic?

How would the world be better if your topic was better addressed?

Part I: What is your topic and what is the problem. (Need to create a list of 8-10 things) This will take a while and might need to look some up and others you might know off the top of your head. You do not need full sentences.
What is the definition of a charity?

What are five reasons you should give to charity

https://www.cafonline.org/my-personal-giving/long-term-giving/resource-centre/five-reasons-to-give-to-charity

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What type of Charity giver are you based on the quiz

What are the 6 different types of Charities?-- https://topnonprofits.com/lists/types-of-charities/

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What do you personally believe is the most important or the one that should receive the most money and why

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Solutions

You have two comments about how to address your obstacles in Schoology. You must create a plan how to address one of them. This cannot be just to raise money or awareness. You will need to target how you would want to do this, the media you want to use, and what it would look like. If you have an idea ready to go, you would need to start storyboarding or designing that plan on here.
Student Example

What are the biggest issues or hardest problems stopping your cause from being easily solved?
Coral Bleaching

1. Pollution

Why: (This should be in complete sentences) -- Obviously, contaminants will lead to coral being damaged. Ecosystems are also very delicate and things like algae blooms with suck the oxygen out of the water lead to negatives changes to the coral.

2. Climate Change

Why: (This should be in complete sentences) - As the ocean gets warmer it changes the PH balances of the water creating chemical changes in makeup of the coral. This leads to some of the bleaching. There is are also cases when shifts in ocean depth leaves some of the coral being exposed to the sun more often, further bleaching it.

3. Natural Disasters

Why: (This should be in complete sentences) – As natural disasters like hurricanes and typhoons become more common and intense it destroys already weakened coral. While coral can normally repair itself, the ongoing acidification of the ocean plus the damages from climate change make it much harder for coral to fix itself using its normal processes.

Overall—Why is this still an issue: It a combination of an economic and scientific problem. First, the same causes of climate change impact corals. The growth of the industrial economy have damaged coral, and since we so far have not been able to halt climate change we will not be able to halt the coral bleaching. We also are still inventing the technology to reverse the process. While there are some promising possibilities, they are still not in full development or fully understood.
Last Check-in for issues Project

Specifically what topic are you addressing?

Through what medium are you trying to solve your issue? For example---video

Who are you targeting through your project?

How are you going to get it there?

What is the outline for your project? i.e. who are you going to interview, what will go on the poster(s), what will go in the emails?

How will this make the world better?
Email Examples:

*Sent to law schools and social work programs in the Chicagoland Area*

I am currently a student at Prospect High School. I made this project to help immigrants and refugees gain their rights. I would really appreciate it if you could put my poster up to inform students. I became very interested in this topic because I am a daughter of immigrant parents.

*DM to animal and environmental rights groups on Instagram*

I am a student at Prospect High School who wants to make a difference. I have made a poster to promote deforestation and how it is affecting climate change and wildlife. Every minute 36 football fields worth of trees are lost due to deforestation. This is because trees create CO2 after they are cut down and causes forest fires to occur. I would appreciate it if my poster was put up to spread knowledge and awareness to the cause.
Sent to local organizations who raised money and awareness for Breast Cancer in October

We are students at Prospect High School. We are working on a project in school, and we are trying to support a specific cancer foundation. We know that Breast Cancer support is important, and one group that is overlooked in the United States are Native Americans. That is why we would like for you guys to support them as well. The foundation we are trying to support is called the American Indian Cancer Foundation. We would like it if you would post the attached poster up on your community board to help us get to donations to them.

Sent to local school counselors and social workers

Dear Mrs. Elliot
I am doing a school project on suicide I was wondering if you would be able to post my poster around the school so students know that they aren’t alone and they can text or call these numbers if they don’t want to talk to a parent or a teacher for help

Sent to local colleges to put up in the dorm rooms and health services

I made a poster about sexual assault and raising awareness. I am contacting colleges to see if this poster could be put up on campuses. If this is something you would be willing to do please contact me back.