



Meddling Kids Movement is an organization for kids by kids, but we recognize the importance of having adult allies in the fight to increase youth activism around the world. If you are an adult reading this and you still aren't totally sure what we do, no problem. Basically, MKM is an international youth-led organization dedicated to promoting and empowering youth activism around the world. We post 3 interviews a week with grassroots young activists on the frontlines of political issues. While we do reach out to some people we feature, we encourage any Meddling Kid in between the ages of 8 and 19 to [submit to be interviewed](#)! We also have a team of 30 high school students from around the world on issue-based teams. There is a [submission form](#) for that as well. **Our 3 primary goals are as follows:**

1. Increase youth activism around the world. Make kids feel empowered to get involved in their communities to make change and meddle in issues they care about.
2. Get more young people involved in politics. We want to put children in positions of power and make sure they know they have an active place in their democracy.
3. Elevate underrepresented youth communities. If you check out our website, you will notice we don't feature just kids you see on the cover of TIME Magazine. The thing that makes MKM special is that we want to make the voices of local grassroots youth organizers heard.

#### **Basic rules for a Meddling Adult:**

1. **Let young people speak first or actively invite them into the conversation.** Do not speak over kids in-person or online when it comes to issues that are directly impacting them. If you see that kids aren't in the conversation at all, change that!
2. **Share your experiences with respect.** We at MKM want to have you in this movement, but we are also familiar with the general tone of condescension or belittlement some adults take with youth activists. If you have a personal experience about one of the issues we cover, share it with us, but please be respectful of the work being done.
3. **Ask young activists in your community what they need from you.** A huge part of MKM is the community-aspect of all our work. Find a youth organization or club in your area and follow their lead.
4. **Give what you can.** This doesn't always mean donations! If you have connections within a specific industry that could elevate our work, share them with us. If you know how to use social media or are part of a Facebook group that might want to get involved, let them know. We do also accept donations, but just talking about our movement with people you know is HUGE.