

Social Innovator

Complete the five steps to earn your Social Innovator Badge.

1. **Explore the big picture:** Social Innovators are those who identify important issues, brainstorm creative solutions, and work together to make their community or the world itself a better place. Take a moment to answer the following questions:

What is one issue that is important to you?

Why is this issue important?

2. **Make connections:** Networking is an essential part of building a business or establishing a new invention. This [video](#) will help you learn more about networking and how you can begin building your own network of connections.

3. **Build empathy for the people affected by the issue you've identified:** Empathy is defined as the ability to understand and share the feelings of another. With any important issue, there is always someone who is directly affected.

Who is directly affected by the issue you chose? Remember it can be more than one group of people or things. How can you show empathy toward those affected by this issue?

4. **Develop a solution from a specific point of view:** Important issues often bring together individuals with different points of view. Identify two different points of view for the issue you have chosen. Which do you most identify with? Challenge yourself to create a solution for the issue based on that point of view.

5. **Practice pitching ideas and getting feedback:** Share your idea(s) with your family and friends either virtually or in person. Invite them to share their feedback with you and then use that feedback to improve upon your idea!