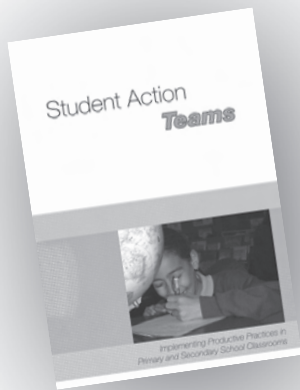


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The basic ideas about **Student Action Teams** are fairly simple – but with profound implications for schools and communities. **Student Action Teams** are just what the words suggest: teams of students who, as part of their school curriculum, adopt a community issue that they care passionately about, research it, decide what needs to be changed or improved and take action to achieve that.

These Teams are:

- **Purposeful:** the learning that takes place is seen by students to have immediately useful purposes; and
- **Productive:** the work that students do produces practical and significant outcomes over and above individuals' own learning and beyond the classroom.

**Student Action Teams** can be set up by individual schools and clusters of schools around issues such as community safety, the environment, values, recreation, bullying, health and so on. The **Student Action Teams** in this cluster of 10-15 schools have been researching and acting around traffic safety and the environment.

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