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Ideas for Raising Changemakers



Everyone can be a Changemaker.

A changemaker imagines a new reality, takes action, and cooperates with others to bring their vision into being for the good of all.

This person is the student, athlete, parent, nurse, engineer, teacher, neighbor, and friend who takes action to solve problems... or creates opportunities for others to solve problems. By helping the young people in your life to master the four changemaker competencies, you are creating a world where the solutions outrun the problems and everyone has the power to make a positive difference.

Four Changemaker Competencies

Conscious Empathy Seeing the world from others' perspectives and then taking action for the common good.		Collaborative Teamwork Contributing to an ecosystem of teams that can adapt to address evolving challenges.	
Shared Leadership Empowering all team members to see the big picture and contribute their unique gifts.		Practicing Changemaking Creating new solutions to social problems that are more effective, sustainable and just.	

Want to learn more about the Changemaker Competencies? Visit <http://cmi.ashoka.org>

Insights for Raising Changemakers

We asked some of the world's most successful changemakers to tell us how adults in their life helped them on their journey. Here's what they said:

1. Adults exposed them to different perspectives at an early age
2. Adults nurtured their inherent curiosity and passions
3. Adults gave them opportunities to practice leadership and take responsibility

As your children observe challenges in their communities and the world, encourage them to take action but don't take over if they do! Learning to fail and persevering through difficulties is essential to succeeding in any effort.

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There are many ways to raise a changemaker. Here are just a few!

Promote a culture of reading at home

Choose a fun book or open a library membership for your children and read with them at home twice a month.

Take walks together

Take walks with your children around the community. Use the time to ask them questions and discuss what's happening in your community and local news.

Attend community event

Attend community events and take their children along, encourage a sense of community and social responsibility.

Try new things together

Take your children out to a local restaurant, bond over a meal and discuss topics they may not normally discuss at home.

Listen to the news together

Play radio or watch news with your children, discuss current events and encourage them to think about how they can solve problems and make a positive impact.

Give daily affirmations

Practice daily affirmations with your children, tell them how much you love and appreciate them, and encourage them to believe in themselves.

Share stories and perspectives

Share your own stories and dreams with your children, foster a sense of connection and encourage your children to share their own stories and experiences.

Watch movies or videos together

Watch movies or videos that inspire changemaking, such as documentaries or TED talks, and discuss the challenges faced by others and how they can be addressed.

Feeling inspired yet? At the end of the day, the best way to raise a changemaker is to practice changemaking yourself! Go to <http://www.changemakers.com> for more ideas and resources to support you on your changemaker journey.