Youth-adult partnerships can improve decision-making, promote change, and provide opportunities for youth and adults to learn from one another.

1. **CULTIVATE TRUST AND RESPECT.**
   Be explicit about how and why you’re working in partnership.

2. **CELEBRATE SUCCESSES.**
   Create ongoing rituals to keep motivation and engagement high.

3. **TEACH HOW SCHOOLS WORK.**
   Help young people to understand how school change happens and how language is used to communicate with authorities.

4. **CREATE A FLAT POWER DYNAMIC.**
   Design partnership to facilitate shared leadership with youth and adults.

5. **BUILD AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY.**
   Take care that the group that is big enough to handle the work load but small enough to include all.

6. **SIGNAL PARTNERSHIP THROUGH VISUAL CUES.**
   Create a physical space and protected time that looks and feels different than a traditional classroom.

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