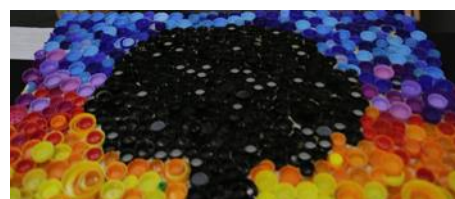




Starting a project: great advice from past YEC members

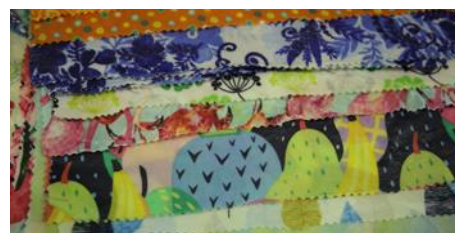
Start with what you know

- △ Do something you enjoy, do what your heart desires
- △ Think of what you're capable of
- △ Research to find out more about things you're interested in
- △ See what you've already got, see who's already in charge and think very critically about how you can improve it if it needs to be changed
- △ Better ideas come to you the more creative you are, so be as creative as you want
- △ Go with lots of options, don't limit yourself
- △ Listen to your audience



Make connections

- △ Ask other people to help you
- △ Get as many people as you can involved because it will work a lot better
- △ Your peers have a lot of really amazing ideas
- △ Try and get a group together because you're never going to be able to do it all by yourself
- △ Make sure you've got teachers and your Principal on board



Plan

- △ Know what you want to do and when you want to do it
- △ Think about what you could do if something goes wrong
- △ If you think it's too risky, find something different
- △ Don't leave everything until the last minute
- △ Don't procrastinate - get it done as soon as the idea pops into your



Start small, then grow your idea

- △ If you can't get others to help you, doing something, anything, just the tiniest thing is making a difference, and if everyone does one little thing in the world, we could really make a big difference
- △ You might feel like you've got to do a lot, but then you start it, and it's much easier than it seems



Don't give up

- △ Just keep going - it starts off really slow and can be hard
- △ There will be some obstacles and difficulties but if you push through it, you'll get there
- △ If it breaks down or flops, you don't need to worry. It may take a long time but at the end it will last and it will be amazing!
- △ If you get stuck, always ask questions so no confusion occurs
- △ Keep doing what you're doing, even if it goes wrong or little kids laugh at you
- △ Don't get discouraged if no one else is interested



Be brave

- △ Stand up, don't be shy, take action
- △ Don't be afraid to speak out and ask people for help
- △ Don't be intimidated by the adults because most of the time they actually agree with you

