

With power comes responsibility and the youth of today has both power and responsibility. They are an energetic and hopeful new generation. They have the ability to impact the world with new ideas, hard work, and the ability to create change.

“A quality education has the power to transform societies in a single generation, provide children with the protection they need from the hazards of poverty, labor exploitation and disease, and given them the knowledge, skills, and confidence to reach their full potential.” Audrey Hepburn was correct. As goodwill ambassador to the United Nations Children's Fund, she recognized that an excellent education is one way in which youth can gain power. With over 122,000 schools in the United States, each person is given the opportunity to succeed. Years of insight and perception are taught; and young people are able to see this in a new light.

Technology is another way that has provided today's adolescents with power and is an effective way to learn. New technology can open new doors by providing numerous opportunities which had not existed in the past. Fuel consumption, for instance, is one way technology is currently changing and creating awareness in youth as to the use of “Flex-Fuel” sources instead of fossil fuels. A green environment will make a positive impact on generations to come. Resources and new ideas are becoming more available in the society. Energy conversion is also being studied to make the world more environmentally friendly and provides young people with more jobs in new fields of study.

Young people are becoming further informed about current subjects and concerns. Younger generations are getting involved in political, economic, and environmental issues. “Young people are in a condition like permanent intoxication.” Aristotle said, “Because youth is sweet and they are growing.” Countless opportunities are becoming available which are allowing young people to have the power to create change. This power is seen in volunteer work in organizations, both religious and secular, with

programs such as youth mentoring youth, or by helping in the community. Teenagers certainly can make a difference. Growth becomes inevitable when volunteerism touches a community.

The vast amount of ability, as well as the potential of young people is endless. The young are responsible for both the positive influence and impact on the world. New ideas, hard work, and generating change, are simply three impressive aspects the “power of youth” has to offer. This process will lead to change and an improved future for many generations to come.