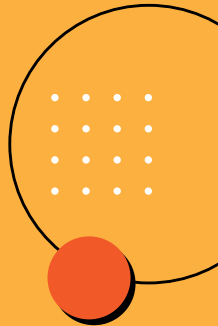
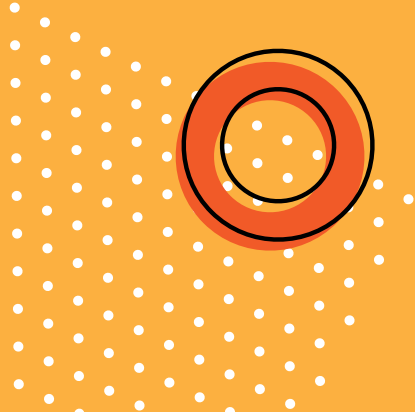




CONCEPT NOTE

# SOLVEBOX



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## **ABOUT REAP BENEFIT**

At Reap Benefit, our work is built on the premise that civic and climate action are pivotal in cultivating skills and developing agency, thus empowering youth to drive change. By engaging with hyperlocal civic and climate challenges, young people can develop 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, which can pave the way for building resilient communities.

Our mission is to build a robust nationwide movement of 10 million action-oriented youth, called Solve Ninjas, who undertake civic and climate action within their hyperlocal contexts. Focused on the concept of 'locals' – local data, local solutions, and local community – Reap Benefit curates decentralised spaces to distribute leadership, co-create solutions, and restore the power imbalance vis-à-vis governments and markets.

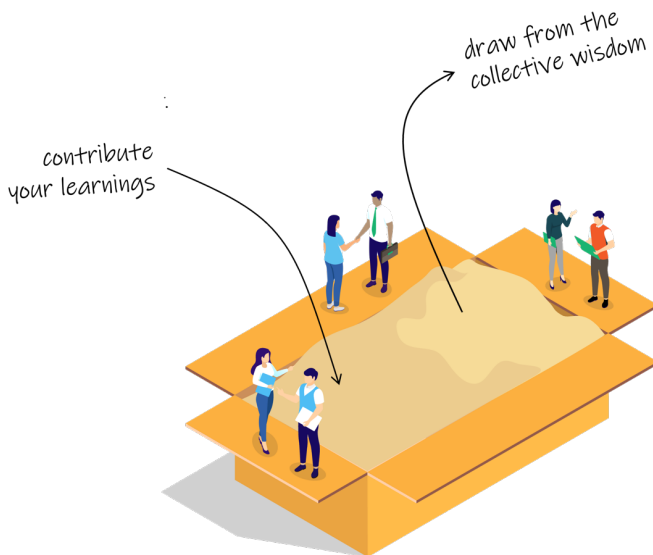


# SOLVEBOX EXPLAINED

SolveBox was born out of a simple yet powerful idea: to share what we had learnt over a decade of working with young people engaged in civic and climate action at hyper-local levels. The platform was conceived recognising that other organisations or individuals could potentially benefit from our insights.

SolveBox has evolved into a platform for diverse ecosystem stakeholders - NGOs, CSOs, funders and government stakeholders - to learn from insights, ideas, and practical knowledge gained through years of experience in their specific arenas of work. The core ethos is 'learning by doing,' offering not just a platform for sharing and exchanging ideas but also a sandbox environment where changemakers can safely experiment and apply these learnings to create tangible, real-world strategies and solutions to the challenges they face.

**Essentially, at SolveBox, you can either contribute your learnings, or you can draw from the collective wisdom gathered. Either way, the ecosystem is enriched.**



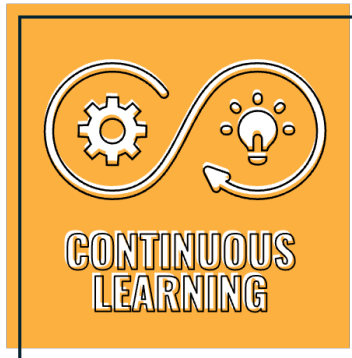
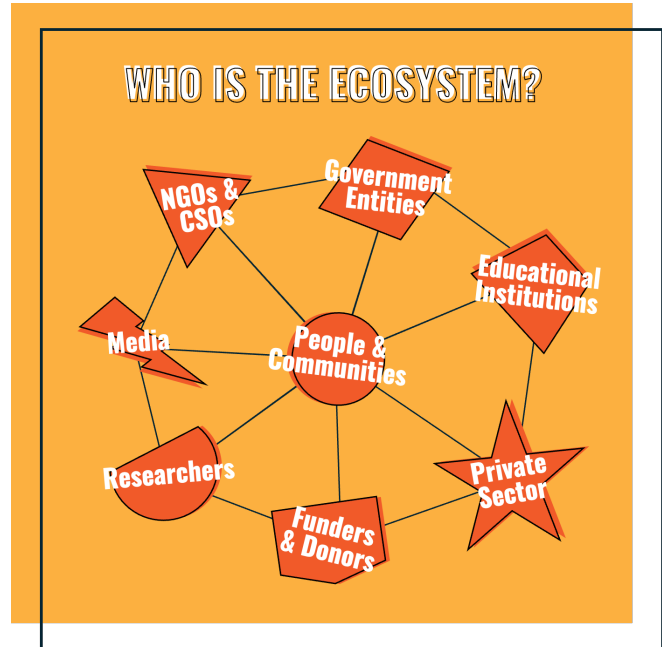
*Imagine SolveBox as a grand community potluck, where participants from diverse backgrounds gather to share their unique culinary creations (innovative solutions and actionable projects). Each dish they bring to the table is not only an assortment of meticulously chosen ingredients (ideas, tools, learnings, and insights), but also a reflection of their personal experiences and local culture (contextual and domain-specific knowledge and practices).*

*If a specific dish piques your interest, you can approach the chef for insights into their recipe, the unique ingredients used, or the cultural stories behind it. This interaction allows you to gain valuable knowledge and inspiration, enabling you to recreate and adapt the dish to create something uniquely yours (hands-on application).*



# WHY JOIN SOLVEBOX?

- **Prototype ideas and solutions in real-time:** SolveBox offers a hands-on experience where you can actively apply learnings and ideas in real-world settings. Step into a sandbox atmosphere and try your hands at prototyping solutions, testing theories, and refining processes, ensuring that every learning is grounded in practical action and tangible outcomes.
- **Reinvent how collaborations are fostered in the ecosystem:** The rigour of learning by doing ensures meaningful interactions and fosters a collaborative environment where new connections are formed naturally. Elevate your individual initiatives into impactful partnerships to deliver collective action on a wider scale.



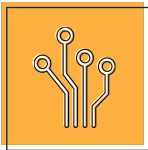


# WHAT DOES REAP BENEFIT HAVE TO OFFER?

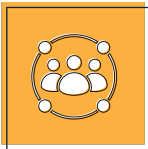
For over ten years, Reap Benefit has empowered young people to act on civic and environmental issues, gathering a wealth of knowledge, tools, skills, and insights. SolveBox extends this effort by welcoming stakeholders from various fields to actively use and apply this valuable collection of lessons. **The key themes Reap Benefit aspires to share with the ecosystem are as follows:**



*How does taking consistent action lead to skill and agency development?* This theme explores the relationship between consistent actions and personal empowerment, demonstrating how practical involvement can transform bystanders into proactive change agents.



*How can technology be used to scale community engagement?* Reap Benefit has developed a set of innovative technological tools to engage 100,000+ Solve Ninjas (or youth changemakers) across the country – in many cases, without having a physical footprint in the state and/or region where the engagement occurs.



*What are the pillars of building sustainable communities?* We believe that community development hinges on empowering local groups to take ownership and accountability of their challenges and solutions. We've identified five key levers that have guided our bottom-up approach, enabling communities to tailor solutions to their unique needs and harness the power of collective action.



*How to apply problem-solving tools and techniques to any problem statement.* Reap Benefit has curated, and applied a range of tools, techniques, and frameworks that have been instrumental in increasing the impact of its projects. This theme offers a deep dive into these methodologies, demonstrating how they can be applied to any problem statement to effectively tackle complex issues.



*How to navigate partnerships with government stakeholders.* Working with governments is essential for delivering impact at scale. From entry to exit, this theme offers insights into the lifecycle of government collaborations, providing guidelines for ensuring these partnerships are productive and sustainable.



# JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

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**SOLVEBOX  
SESSIONS  
TO DATE**

**8 ORGANISATIONS  
ACROSS DIVERSE  
SECTORS**

- Climate
- Education
- Youth Skill Activation
- Socio-Emotional Learning
- Community Empowerment

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**PARTNERSHIPS  
ACTIVATED**

## KEY THEMES

- Leveraging technology to drive engagement in users
- Undertaking hyperlocal community actions to drive skill development

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**ATTENDEES**

- One participant collaborating with Glific on the use of chatbot technology.
- We're working with Eastern Himalaya Foundation to help build their technology platform to track skill development.
- Exploring a collaboration with a US-based participant on hyper local data collection



# PEEK INTO OUR MOST RECENT SOLVEBOX

## Theme

How does consistent civic and climate action help develop skills and agency? This is the fundamental premise driving the cultivation of Solve Ninjas, who through regular engagement with civic and climate challenges, enhance specific skills and foster both personal and collective agency.

## Experience

Led by Reap Benefit's mentors, participants dove into a street audit simulation, meticulously assessing and documenting urban environmental and infrastructural features in a specific locality. The audit is designed to foster skills and agency through active engagement with local challenges.

In small, mentor-led groups, participants actively explored and audited streets, focusing on key issues like waste management, street lighting, and public safety. The session concluded with a debrief where groups presented their findings, insights, and reflections.

## Outcomes

The street audit honed participants' abilities in data orientation, critical thinking, problem-solving, and applied empathy. By comparing civic systems across cities, they unearthed common issues and gained a richer understanding of urban challenges. Overall, the simulation provided an immersive hyper-local civic experience that enhanced their perspectives and skills.





# SIGN UP FOR THE NEXT SOLVEBOX!

## Theme

Engaging and incentivizing stakeholders at scale, using low-code technology as an enabler

## When

Saturday, 15 June 2024

## Location

Online



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