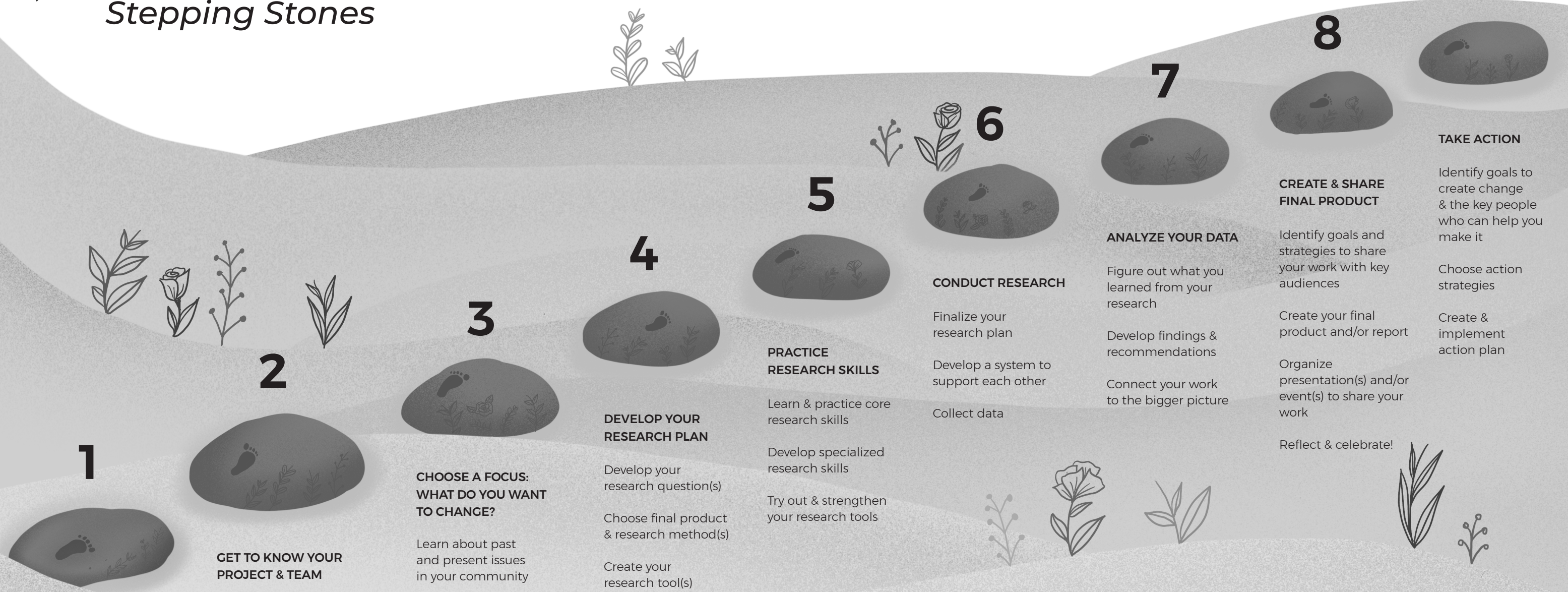# Community **Futures** Community **Lore**
Stepping Stones

1

GET READY FOR YOUR PROJECT

Learn more about Youth Participatory Action Research (YPAR) and the values behind it

Assess your community & organization's readiness to do a YPAR project

Plan & prepare for your project & assemble your team

2

GET TO KNOW YOUR PROJECT & TEAM

Build your team identity & relationships

Team norms: decide how you will work together

Become familiar with your project & YPAR

3

CHOOSE A FOCUS: WHAT DO YOU WANT TO CHANGE?

Learn about past and present issues in your community

Reflect on what you care about

Define the focus for your project

4

DEVELOP YOUR RESEARCH PLAN

Develop your research question(s)

Choose final product & research method(s)

Create your research tool(s)

5

PRACTICE RESEARCH SKILLS

Learn & practice core research skills

Develop specialized research skills

Try out & strengthen your research tools

6

CONDUCT RESEARCH

Finalize your research plan

Develop a system to support each other

Collect data

7

ANALYZE YOUR DATA

Figure out what you learned from your research

Develop findings & recommendations

Connect your work to the bigger picture

8

CREATE & SHARE FINAL PRODUCT

Identify goals and strategies to share your work with key audiences

Create your final product and/or report

Organize presentation(s) and/or event(s) to share your work

Reflect & celebrate!

9

TAKE ACTION

Identify goals to create change & the key people who can help you make it

Choose action strategies

Create & implement action plan