

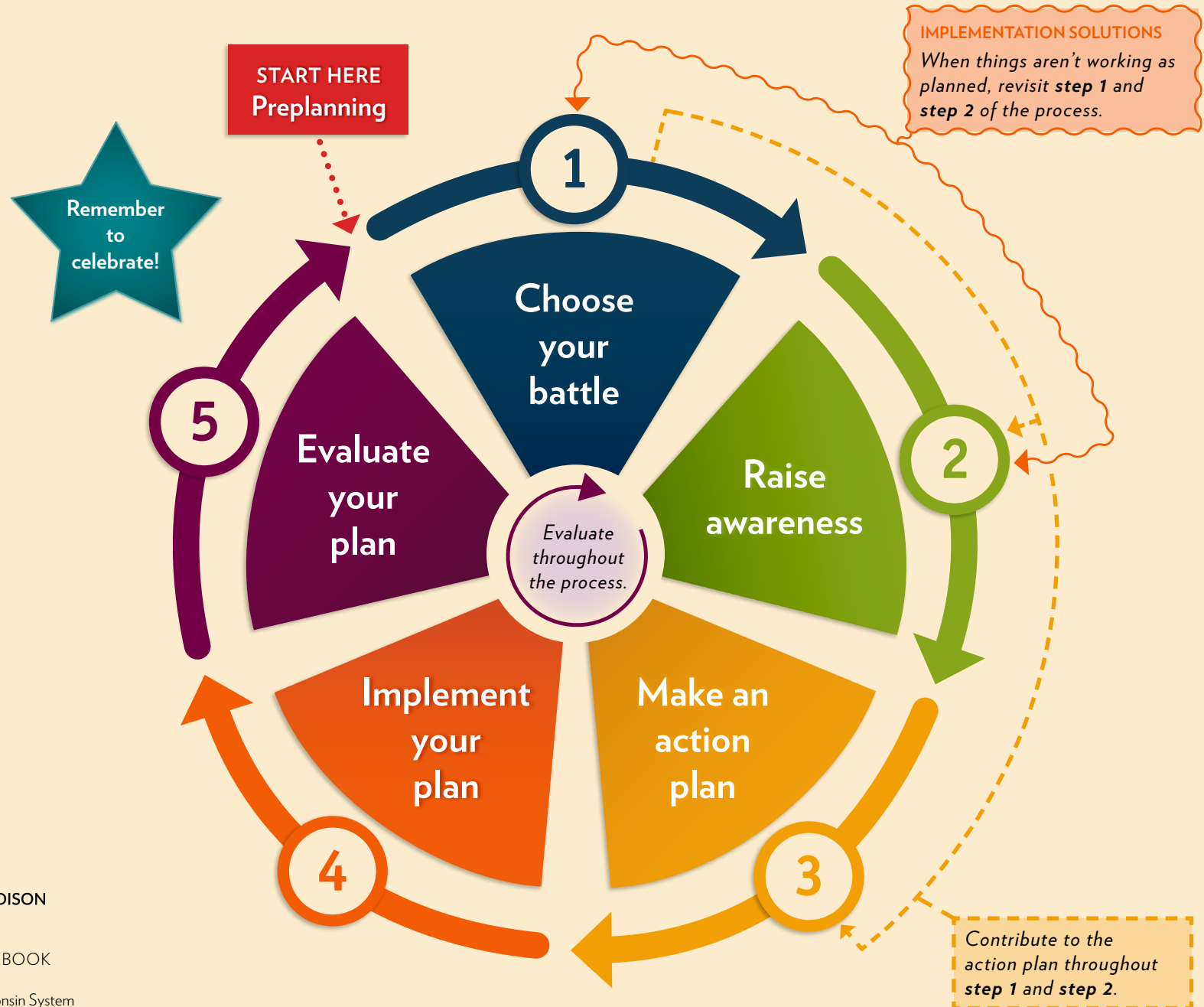
# 5 Steps of Action

## A NONLINEAR PROCESS

The 5 Steps of Action, as they have been described so far, may seem like a step-by-step process that happens in order from start to finish. In the real world, the different parts of the process work together in a variety of ways. For example:

- ▶ Activities in the preplanning, battle-choosing (step 1), and awareness-raising (step 2) sections helps youth form ideas needed to make an action plan (step 3).
- ▶ When and if things don't go according to plan during implementation (step 4), groups may need to go back and dig deeper into their battle and awareness raising efforts from step 1 and step 2.
- ▶ Finally, evaluation is shown as step 5, but it really happens throughout the project. Evaluation helps groups stay on track and achieve their goals at every step.

The graphic at the right shows how the 5 Steps can be used as a guide, rather than a strict set of rules, to help navigate the ups and down that sometimes happen in a real world project.



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