

VALUES IN ACTION – METHODS EXCHANGE

PROJECT WORK SCENARIO

Project youth work

1. BRAINSTORMING

Goals

- to stimulate the mind's flow
- youngsters express ideas

Materials

- Sheet of paper/blackboard
- Pen

Structure

- youngsters sit in the circle
- mentor explains that we are starting a project, in which each group member will participate, their ideas and interest will be the basis for designing the project
- mentor invites participants to give suggestions for the theme of the project, mentor writes all the ideas on the sheet/blackboard – no censure

2. DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROJECT IDEA

Goals

- To form the main idea/theme of the project from all the ideas expressed in the brainstorming
- To choose the media or more of them through which the idea/theme will be presented

Materials

- Sheet of paper/blackboard
- Pen

Structure

- We start with the discussion in the group, where everybody can explain their idea,
- Youngsters can give their opinion on ideas
- Mentor motivates them with questions like; what do you think about this, questions what if....and the group has to make compromise by negotiating to order to get the final result in one common idea
- If the group is bigger, you can divide them in smaller groups and each group has to connect all the given ideas into one common idea. Groups then report to the others and again by negotiating and compromises they form one common idea
- We ask the youth in which way we will present the project (choosing the medias/tools)

3. CONDUCTING THE PROJECT

Goals

- Forming project groups according to their interests
- Conducting the project in smaller groups

Materials

- Depends on the contence of the project (could be photography, film, puppet show, painting, recycling things, gardening.....)

Structure

- According to the chosen media, we form the project working groups (for example the theme of the project is “The values amongst youngsters” and we will present it through photography, video and newspaper in a public event. Based on that we form project group for photography, project group for video, project group for newspaper and project group for organising the final event). In this part it is very good if the youth can work with professional, at least in some parts in order to gain new knowledge, skills, connections etc.
- Youngsters choose the group that they want to work.
- For a bigger project working in smaller groups takes more time, could be several months, for smaller projects, it could take only a couple of hours.
- The project groups report about the progress once a week in the whole group.
- Practicing before the event; performance exercises

4. FINAL EVENT/PRESENTATION

Goal

- to organize the event
- to bring the project to life
- to present the project to the audience

Materials

- public space (street, theatre, stage) with all the equipment needed
- catering (invitations, drinks)

Structure

- Project group for organizing the event makes the invitations, takes care of catering, place and all the organization in general.
- The event depends on a project idea (in our example – “The values of the youth” it could be a photo exhibition, video/short movie, visitors could take newspapers).