



Introduction

In 2012 the Spanish National Agency (supported by the Finnish NA) hosted an international training course on creativity and innovation in the Youth in Action programme. During the process, the participants started looking at different phases of projects and where it could be nice to concentrate a bit of creativity. They came up with a set of ideas which you might find useful in spicing up your own projects.

Have a look and see if you find something which you could use or adapt AND if you do so, please send us a photo!

You can also have a look at the work of previous participants during our training courses in Belgium and Portugal – just have a search in the SALTO Tool Box!

Title:

Dishcovering Yourself

Topic:

Building the group through food

Description of idea:

People cook a dish, which represents the personality or skills of someone else in the group.

Then they describe the personality and skills of the dish.

People have to relate dishes and descriptions of individuals.

Title:

How to have fun while making applications (or other boring YiA things!!)

Topic:

The application phase of the project (or other ones which could be boring)

Description of idea:

We like to make a project that aims at finding ways to make all the phases in a project fun. At times in making a project the project turns into hard and to some extent boring work for instance when you have to do the logistics or do the budget, etc. Therefore a project about facilitating fun and creativity in these phases would be amazing.

Title:

Performing your project

Topic:

Find a partner

Description of idea:

Create a theatre performance about the project where you can see its most important aims and characteristics and spread it, so many people can see it and become interested in your project.

Title:

SCAMPER

Topic:

Preparing participants

Description of idea:

Each of the participants to be one of the letters in the SCAMPER process. They have to be substituted, combined, adapted, etc by the others.

(Note: please see the description of the SCAMPER method of brainstorming by Michael Michalko to get the full list!)

Title:

John Cage proposal for Youth in Action

Topic:

Description of idea:

3 days, 21 seconds.

(to understand this idea please google: Four minutes, thirty-three seconds composition by John Cage)

Title:

Sing among us

Topic:

Find a partner

Description of idea:

Develop a song that describes the project in an appealing and creative way, and spread it in radios, Youtube, etc. (You could even try to have famous singers contribute to the song).

Title:

Colour in contact

Topic:

Finding a partner

Description of idea:

We can add more colours in our communications with partners because it is usually done in black and white.

We can send cards with initial letters, use colourful paper for mailings, send them post-it notes, etc.

If two equally skilled partners approach you, the one who makes you smile will win!

Title:

Get drunk without alcohol!

Topic:

Activity or project for a group of (multicultural) youngsters.
(Maybe it's more relevant for northern European countries)

Description of idea:

Through this project we wish to facilitate a youth culture in which young people do not always lean towards alcohol as a way of getting high or getting to know each other. Instead we will make an actual bar in which you can buy or choose (creative) activities that stimulate the same things that often make youngsters turn to alcohol.

Title:

Spread your ideas

Topic:

Finding partners

Description of idea:

Put someone in the street (clown, dancer, mime artist, etc) and spread objects with information about your project (t-shirts, etc).

Try to connect and communicate with the people that demonstrate interest and try to establish dialogue with them.

Title:

Who says I have to be in?!

Topic:

Selection of participants

Description of idea:

They (prospective participants) present a short movie where other people give reasons why they should be in the project.

There are rules!! (and you have to make them!)

Title:

A karaoke application

Topic:

The application phases

Description of idea:

We would like to make the application phase more fun and stimulating. That's why we would like to propose that the organisations/groups make an application song in which they answer all the questions and transform it into a karaoke song. All the donors, partners and other agencies can sing along to it while they make the evaluation of the project application.

Title:

Growing connections

Topic:

Preparing participants

Description of idea:

Each participant receives an infopack by post. Inside is an envelope that contains a seed of a flower. The envelope has to be put on the ground and watered. Everyone shares photos on-line about the evolution of the plants.

Title:

One way food

Topic:

Making a team

Description of idea:

Making a dish as a team.

6-8 youngsters in each group

Choose your recipe.

Each participant chooses an instrument that they can touch.

Master chef can't touch any thing and speak, but s/he can help in other ways and taste the food.

This activity is a tool to feel being part of a group; plus taking responsibility of his/her mission.

Title:

Colour together

Topic:

Finding a partner

Description of idea:

Create a web site where colours represent the different types or roles of partners. For example: yellow => education workers; blue => health workers; etc.

Title:

REFLECTOGRAMA

(into the toilet in front of the mirror)

Topic:

Researching partner

Description of idea:

Ask to the young people to make and to create a "reflectograma".

Afterwards collect these photos and send them to the partner saying "they are our young protagonists".

Title:

"FREAK OUT YOUTH"

Topic:

Learn your inner freak

Description of idea:

Spend a full moon freak out in the forest / freak out gathering in the forest.

Youth learn about their inner selves and each other in the forest during the full moon.

Title:

Be useful

Topic:

Find a partner

Description of idea:

Make your organisation useful to others.

Create a blog or web site with other functions that can be used by others, this way you will be seen more times.

Title:

No Man's scrap book

Topic:

No man's land

Description of idea:

Young people have to create/collect a story book with different materials (words, recycling images, colours, etc)

The introduction of the story is made by the trainers who give the young people a page. Afterwards all young people are involved to complete the book.

Title:

Message in a bottle

Topic:

Find a partner

Description of idea:

Put an appealing message in bottles asking for support for your cause.
Spread the bottles in city centre fountains!

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