

HOW TO DEVELOP ACTION PLAN FOR ENCOURAGING YOUTH PARTICIPATION

STEPS	MAIN QUESTIONS TO ANSWER	REQUIREMENTS	TIMELINE
Identify the issue you want to address	Identify key issue related to youth participation in your area and objective you want to reach	What do you need to come up with a key issue?	Set up deadlines!
Build support network	Identify key contacts in your area		
Start planning and implementing your action	Identify key steps in action plan: What is the objective of your action? What are your main activities? What are requirements to implement the actions? What is the timeline for the action?	List the things you need in order to implement your action	
Evaluate your action	Review of action plan: What has gone well What has not gone so well What actions can be put in place to improve this?	Which tools you will use for your evaluation?	

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<p>Build networks between youth organizations in the local community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organize meetings with schools and universities to create networks/links between educational environment and local community. 2. Organize events: party, dance, sports, cinema, make up; offer free food (to attract more people) 3. Create common platforms -> share experiences (find good practice examples from other communities, even abroad, and talk about them) 4. Create partnerships 5. Organize common workshops (topics that are of interest for youth as well; maybe make a small research / survey about that) 6. Exchange services & manpower between each other 7. Encourage the implementation of good practices (if from abroad, localize them) 8. Document the process and prepare how-to guides for other youth organizations to join 9. Promote each other/communicate about the work of fellow youth organizations and find synergies to build on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds: look for donors, search for new calls for proposals (search for smaller grants that can be given to individuals as well / are intended for smaller informal groups) • Share responsibilities: include volunteers as active members (and not just recipients of final information; give them full autonomy when organizing events and listen to them) • Contacts at schools, universities 	

<p>Provide resources and mentorship to encourage youth-led projects.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support young people to present their project in local media or on their social media (connect them to relevant media houses, help them prepare a pitch ...) 2. Organise workshops for youth to develop project ideas 3. Provide possibilities for (paid) internships (Solidarity Corps, Erasmus+) 4. Create incubators that support them in the process 5. Create guidelines on how to prepare and lead a project (how-to guide / infolist) 6. Provide space/place where they are free to do whatever they do 7. Connect them with other institutions, activists, organisations 8. Organise workshops for disabled young kids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds: look for donors, calls for proposals (search for smaller grants that can be given to individuals as well / are intended for smaller informal groups) • Provide place/space where youth can meet • Media lists and contacts 	
<p>Design mechanisms and strategies to increase youth representation in local government (municipal bodies), committees and advisory boards.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage youth to start questioning established structures & provide them with materials to dwell deeper into the topics (articles, books, MOOCs on said topics, podcasts, videos ...) 2. Connect educational environments with engagement 3. Promote active citizenship among youth 4. Create cooperation between schools and government 5. Work in a direction of making municipal processes more visible; advocate for transparency 6. Organise public discussions with (and for) youth 7. Organise youth parliaments (in municipalities, schools) 8. Search for possibilities of internship in a municipality; advocate to increase the number of internships in municipalities 9. Cooperate with youth stakeholders (understand their actual needs as well and try to find synergies – to ease the collaboration with municipal bodies) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contacts at the municipality/governmental bodies • Funds 	

	<p>10. Organise “one day with politicians” / the gardener (connection)</p> <p>11. Make more projects for youth work (focus on that already when writing a project proposal)</p> <p>12. Work on creating cooperation between NGOs – municipality – other institutions</p> <p>13. Prepare a 4-year strategy for youth (in collaboration with youth)</p>		
<p>Encourage youth volunteerism in the local community.</p>	<p>PHASE 1: CONTACT VOLUNTEERS</p> <p>1.1. Organise interventions in schools -> volunteers and teachers</p> <p>1.2. Prepare a movie that promotes results / impact of volunteer work</p> <p>1.3. Activate different leaders (sport, culture, art) to talk about volunteering and about the associated topics</p> <p>1.4. Get young people interested in European solidarity corps</p> <p>1.5. Exchange of youth who receive certificates to prove their commitment</p> <p>1.6. Have some rewards for volunteers or credit points for students / Credits for joining youth workshops</p> <p>1.7. Organise interesting events</p> <p>PHASE 2: PROCESS (get involved)</p> <p>2.1. Presentation of good practices</p> <p>2.2. Show them that they have the power to change things together</p> <p>2.3. Organise group games to connect people</p> <p>2.4. Involve celebrities, rappers, singers, actors, athletes, influencers that speak to young people</p> <p>2.5. Make intercultural evenings with local people and local communities so that they can discuss</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial support for the people with low / no income to enable them to do volunteer work • Contacts with schools 	

	<p>2.6. Real stories (testimonials) of volunteers</p> <p>2.7. Organise informal meetings</p> <p>2.8. Emphasize the importance of volunteerism for the community. Change starts at the micro level.</p> <p>PHASE 3: RESULTS</p> <p>3.1. Connect projects into a bigger one to have more outreach / Prepare a campaign involving youth, which is created by themselves</p> <p>3.2. Use social media (Instagram, Facebook, TikTok) for sharing information and for promotion</p> <p>3.3. Target schools and partnerships between public and private schools</p> <p>3.4. Train young people in how to approach other young people (peer-to-peer)</p> <p>3.5. Respect their work and what they did (writing articles, going public or to institutional meetings ...)</p>		
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