

BLUE PEACE YOUTH CALCULATIONS

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GUIDELINE FOR ICEBRAKER ACTIVITY

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WELCOME: WHAT IS THIS GUIDELINE?

This Icebreaker Activity Guideline is designed to support the Blue Peace Youth Calculations (BPYC) Workshop, which aims to assess the transboundary index of cooperation.

The following Guideline provides some ideas on how you, as the organizer of BPYC, can set up various activities among the participants during or after the main calculation event.

The Guideline consist of two parts: **(A) IN-PERSON ACTIVITIES** and **(B) HYBRID ACTIVITIES** offering two complementing approaches.



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FOREWORD

- AS YOU EXPECT PARTICIPANTS TO WORK IN TEAMS AMONG THE PEOPLE THEY MIGHT NOT KNOW, IT IS A GOOD PRACTICE **TO BREAK SOME ICE** AND GIVE EVERYONE A WELCOMING START.
- YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY **FREE** TO USE THESE ICEBREAKER IDEAS FOR YOUR WORKSHOP IN ANY WAY PLAUSIBLE, COMBINE THEM OR CREATE SOMETHING NEW.

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IN-PERSON ACTIVITIES



ACTIVITY #1: BLUE PEACE DROPS

TIME: 15-20 MIN

FORMAT: IN-PERSON

PEOPLE: ANY NUMBER OF PEOPLE

GOAL: TO MAKE PARTICIPANTS THINK OF WATER IN A MORE CREATIVE WAY

Instructions

Preparations before the event:

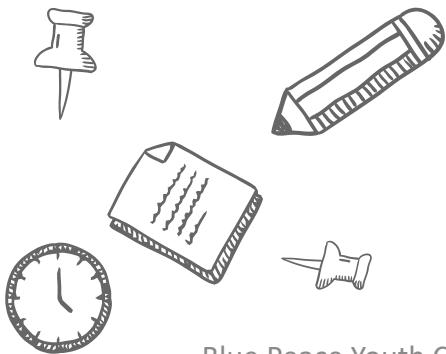
1. Cut out cards in a shape of “water drops” from the blue paper. Those can be one or two-sided cards of an approximately A5 format, prepared assuming 1 card per 1 participant.
2. Prepare a wall/board/surface where those cards will be stuck/pinned, as well as collect enough markers for the participants to use.
3. Prepare enough pins/glue/tape for the “water drops” to be instantly stuck on the surface.

During the event:

1. Distribute “water drops” and markers among the participants.
2. Ask participants to write their names/countries and answers on the “drops.” The questions can be simple and fun, something like “What associations do you have with the water?” etc.) that will stimulate participants to think out-of-box.



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ACTIVITY #2: BLUE BOARD

TIME: 15-20 MIN

FORMAT: IN-PERSON

PEOPLE: ANY NUMBER
OF PEOPLE

GOAL: TO SHARE CULTURAL
ATTRIBUTES RELATED TO
UNDERSTANDING WATER

Instructions

Preparations before the event:

1. A surface to write on – a desk/board/flipchart/pinboard with paper or any other space. We recommend to use blue chalkboard to make a symbolic connection with the water.
2. A set of chalks/markers for all participants.

During the event:

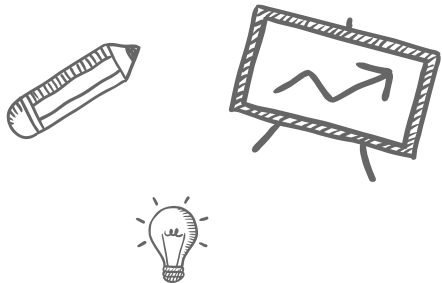
1. Ask participants some simple and fun question that can stimulate various perspectives from participants.

Our advice:

- If you have participants coming from different countries, it is a great practice to learn how they spell "water" in their languages (as seen on the photo).
- In case you have participants coming from the same country, you might ask participants to write cultural attributes or other interesting details applied in their communities with relation to the water.



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HYBRID ACTIVITIES



ACTIVITY #3: A WATERBODY NEXT TO ME

TIME: UP TO 30 MIN

FORMAT: HYBRID

PEOPLE: ANY NUMBER
OF PEOPLE

GOAL: TO SHARE PERSONAL
CONNECTION WITH
WATERBODIES

Instructions

Preparations before the event:

1. Distribute among all participants a task to collect up to 3 (three) photos of a water body that they have certain affiliation with (some lifelong impressions, memories, fun experience, cultural connection, etc.). Precisely, it can be any waterbody: from a transboundary river to a small aquifer, or a channel, pond, etc.

During the event:

1. Ask participants to sit in a semi-circle mode (if they are in-person) or switch on their cameras (if they are online) so that they can see each other and the screen, where photos will be projected.
2. Invite participants to speak about the photos and structure the discussion around the question of “Why this waterbody matters to me.”
3. Ask participants some other simple and fun questions that can stimulate further discussion and interesting insights.

Our advice:

We suggest you to collect photos before the event and lead the slideshow, so that there will be no pausing or awkward silence. There is no need for participants to stand up, they can speak from their seats. This will create a warm and friendly atmosphere.



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ACTIVITY #4: BUILDING WORDCLOUDS

TIME: 10-15MIN

FORMAT: HYBRID

PEOPLE: ANY NUMBER
OF PEOPLE

GOAL: TO HAVE PERSONAL
INTERPRETATION
OF A BLUE PEACE

Instructions

Preparations before the event:

1. Set-up an electronic or real board/space/flipchart and a set of stickers for instant inputs.
2. Put the question at the top of the board and copy the link for participants to join.

During the event:

1. Provide participants with the link to join the online board or spread the stickers if playing this icebreaker in-person.
2. Ask participants a question of what is there preliminary interpretation/ understanding of a “Blue Peace” and use it an opportunity to have a lively discussion among you and the participants.

Our advice:

As per the electronic board we recommend to use free tools like *Google Jamboard*, *Miro (3 first boards are free)*, *AhaSlides*, etc.



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LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH!

World Youth Parliament for Water is keen to grow an active community of the Blue Peace Youth Calculations practitioners! Hence, we welcome everyone to share their ideas and suggestions on fun and engaging icebreaker activities designed by you for youth.

If you would like your icebreaker activity to be spotted in this Guideline, please drop a message to the following email address: nomeni@gmail.com (@Nataliya Chemayeva)