

Unifying Peace Group

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Action plan development

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Goal: Form a constructive team that can help others to facilitate consciousness about Peace.

My Role:

- Coordinate and promote activities and projects for the group.
- Activities such as recreation, solidarity, group leadership, evaluation of our courses and university.

Strengths:

- Experience coordinating groups.
- We have already organized future meetings.

Weaknesses:

- Resistance of members to work as a team.
- Different interests of people in the group

Stakeholders

- Rotary Peace Center
- Colleagues
- International Christian University
- Alumni

Other options

- We will share other experiences (conferences- trips- classes) as a group that will also strengthen the group.
- Film screenings: Collective selection of films. Discussion group.

Outcomes

- Everyone able to share their own strengths.
- Learn from each other.
- Understanding this experience as a collective one.

Evaluation

- Levels of cooperation
- Attendance at meetings
- Attitude: enthusiasm; degree of participation.
- Own satisfaction

Achievements to present:

There have been four Cinema Nights since the Workshop. The assistance to the events increased among the Rotary group and other graduate students. The Cinema Nights improved with participant involvement. People have suggested other types of films, besides general social issues. As a result the cinema night now has different themes each night and a survey is sent before the film so people can vote for one out of four options.

Group activity:

It is already agreed between the members of the group to hold a second meeting. As a strategy to incorporate my activity, instead of proposing a new meeting, I have requested to use some time of the one that is already organized to incorporate an 'icebreaker' game at the beginning. Additionally I have proposed an activity to be held at the end of the meeting, which would evaluate the trimester and group consolidation.

Evaluation:

To monitor the success of the Cinema Night, one important element is attendance. Though criticism could be seen a negative thing, it actually shows an active interest and in the best of cases it also includes a suggestion, which should be welcomed.

Another variable to take into consideration is if people collaborate in the preparation. If it is possible to make other people feel responsible for the activity, this is a positive sign. As an organizer it is not an easy thing to delegate, but delegation is what helps most in the creation of a team.

Group meeting:

For evaluation purposes the activity to be used is connected with art. There are going to be colours to choose from and each one will represent a level of satisfaction. The objective is that each person will choose how much of each colour to use for the different items being evaluated. For example: the trimester, adaptation in Japan, group integration, etc. For each theme participants will prepare a paper or any other technique the organizer can think of e.g. putting coloured chalk mixed with sand in a little bottle. Finally participants share with the team the reasons behind their mix of colours and try to reach some group conclusions.