

Method description

Title:	Auction of Youth in action
Target group:	Youth workers
Issues addressed:	Youth in action programme, Project planning
Aim/learning outcome:	To provide a group learning environment where participants can explore the possibilities for developing projects under the Youth in Action Programme
Objectives:	To explore the possibilities of the Youth in Action Programme
Duration:	1,5 hour
Materials needed:	User guides per table Pens Paper Money or bank account sheet Balloons Questions about youth in action
Special skills or knowledge of the trainer needed:	- Good knowledge about the Youth in Action Programme - You need at least 3 trainers to run this exercise
Step by step instruction:	<p>Step by step instruction:</p> <p>Preparation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Before you start the workshop you have to do the room settings. Set 3 tables for the auctioneer, national agency and selection committee (put there name tags and user guides are handy as well). Behind the auctioneer table hand 15 blown up balloons. In the balloons put questions about the YiA. 3 balloons leave empty. This are trap balloon, to stop those participants that will just play and will aim to get more and more money. In the middle set tables (according to the number of your group, maximum 6 people at the table). On the tables leave pens, papers and user guides. <p>Exercise</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Divide participants into groups. 3. The auctioneer welcomes participants at the auction and introduces the selection committee, the nation agency and himself. (the role of National agency is to consult the project designers and help them out when they come; the selection committee approves or rejects the projects and the auctioneer sells actions, balloons and is the time watcher). 4. The national agency representative gives maximum 5 minutes overview about YiA programme. 5. The auctioneer explains the process of the auction. <p>Auctioneer: "You will work in your groups the whole time. In the</p>

	<p>group you will have to come up with ideas for different actions of the YiA programme. For each action you will have 15 minutes. BE sure that in these 15 minutes you: buy an action from me, come with an idea and description and write it on the form, consult it with the national agency and submit it to the selection committee. I will open 4 rounds always after 15 minutes. 2 minutes before the deadline I will let you know.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Say which actions are you selling and how much it does cost. 7. Make sure that participants did understand the process and underline that the aim is to explore the YiA and not to design the whole project that they will implement in the future. 8. Explain that you will as well in the meanwhile sell balloons with questions. The one that offers the most will get the balloon. 9. Open the first round 10. Sell the actions to coming participants and keep the process going as you did describe. 11. After 4th round close the auction and give the word to the national agency and selection committee. They should sum up the exercise and point out the mistakes, good ideas and other important facts that happened.
Suggestions for the debriefing:	The workshop doesn't really have a debriefing, but there is a closure. Make sure that during the closure you point out the most frequent mistakes.
Attachments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Question about Youth in Action Programme 2. Bank account 3. Action sheets
Comments:	The exercise need lost of concentration of the auctioneer at the beginning mainly. You will need strong voice and know that the exercise will be done under stress.