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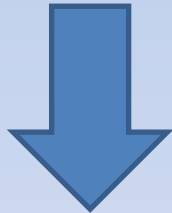
To raise awareness around Intercultural Dialogue Day and the different cultures in your municipality.

WHAT

A flashmob is an organised event, often surprising to the rest of the public. In this way one attracts attention and interest to the event or cause one's promoting.

WHO

- Returnees
- University students
- High school students
- Volunteers
- Host families
- Exchange students



HOW

- 1) Select a meeting point for all the volunteers before the Flash mob begins.
- 2) You can divide into groups to spread around the city, or you can be the whole group at one venue. For example, you can meet up at a crossing in a very busy avenue. When the light turns red, go out at the crossing and start hugging each other. Ask random people on the street if they want a hug too. Some volunteers hold up banners saying "Hug Another Culture" and "Happy Intercultural Dialogue Day".
- 3) Other places to meet up for a "Hug Another Culture – Flash mob" can be the underground, a park, a market or any other public place.

Hug another culture

A TRUE STORY

The "Hug Another Culture" Flash mob took place in Istanbul, Turkey for the Intercultural Dialogue Day 2013.



OUTCOMES

- Reaching a various audiences
- The possibility to answer questions about AFS and Intercultural Dialogue Day
- Fighting xenophobia

TIPS

- Be careful about the locations; for example the dangers of a busy street.
- Be respectful to the part of the audience who does not wish to participate.



AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

- Identify a coordinator
- Volunteers share these tasks upon their own requests:
 - Make the banners saying "Hug Another Culture" and "Happy Intercultural Dialogue Day".
 - Get AFS t-shirts or similar colored clothing for everyone participating in the Flashmob.
 - Publish the announcements on Facebook and on the National AFS web-site.
 - Launch the Call for participants on the web site.
 - Get flyers and information about AFS and Intercultural Dialogue Day to give to the audience.
 - Get permission from the authorities

Music Makes Our Dialogue

WHY

Explore different ways of intercultural communication: the “Music Makes Our Dialogue” activity puts empathy on music and creativity as tools of intercultural communication.

WHAT

First, country presentations. Then, play music from the various countries and invite the audience to draw on prepared paper their associations to the music and the country.

WHO

- Returnees
- University students
- High school students
- Volunteers
- Host families
- Exchange students

A TRUE STORY

The “Music Makes Our Dialogue” activity took place in Marupe, Latvia for the Intercultural Dialogue Day 2013.



OUTCOMES

- Involves a wide audience
- Visibility of AFS and its focus on Intercultural Learning
- Promotes exchanges students and the cultural diversity in your chapter.

TIPS

- Try to include as many as possible: if there are dual or foreign nationalities in the class, let them take part in the presentation as well.
- Record it, make a short video clip from the activity and share it on the Intercultural Dialogue Day Facebook page!

HOW

Let the exchange students in your area come and talk about their countries. This could be in any setting; in a group, a class room or in a public area. After the students have had their presentations, you play out loud music from the various countries. While the music plays, the audience draws on prepared paper, its associations to the country where the music is from and to the music itself. In the end, you collect all the drawings and make a World Music Collage.

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

- Identify a coordinator
- Tasks to share among the volunteers:
- Get the necessary material; a music player, pens and markers for drawing and white paper.
 - Publish the announcements on Facebook and on the National AFS web-site.
 - Involve and help the exchange students with their presentations
 - Find a place to be: e.g. a school or a public area.

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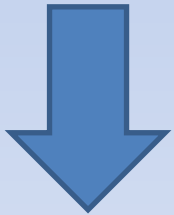
Take action for an issue where Intercultural Dialogue is essential: facing the global challenge of preserving our planet and environment.

WHAT

A “green action” consist of a group of people taking action together to preserve the environment. By realising that the local environmental challenges is a part of a global challenge, one sees the importance of multinational and cultural cooperation.

WHO

- Returnees
- University students
- High school students
- Volunteers
- Host families
- Exchange students



HOW

- 1) The group collects waste, cleans and recycles at a local, polluted location.
- 2) Gather and discuss together: What are the challenges in their home community and home country? How can we take actions together? How is environment perceived in your culture?
- 3) Create a handbook or declaration with thoughts and proposal on how to improve the global environmental situation.

A TRUE STORY

The “Global Challenges: Green Action”- activity took place on Ostia Beach, Italy for the Intercultural Dialogue Day 2013.



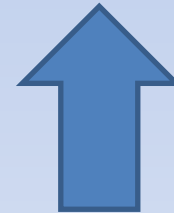
Global Challenges: “Green Action”

OUTCOMES

- Awareness of the importance of Intercultural Dialogue
- Engaging in active citizenship

TIPS

- After the event, publish your declaration or handbook online and make family, AFS – and other friends sign and share it.



AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

- Identify a coordinator
- Tasks to be shared among the volunteers:
 - Find a suitable location and « green » ways of transportation to get to the location
 - Find the right material: waste bags, gloves (if needed), area for recycling and a poster or computer to make the declaration or handbook.
 - Get AFS t-shirts or similar coloured clothing for everyone participating in the action
 - Publish the announcements on Facebook and on the National AFS website.
 - Try to recruit as many as possible to take part in the action.
 - Get flyers and information about AFS and Intercultural Dialogue Day to give to the audience.
- Get permissions from the authorities.

Intercultural Connections

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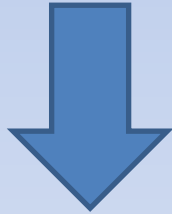
To promote the AFS experience, and the advantages of knowing another culture.

WHAT

Presentation of the different cultures living in your local community.

WHO

- Returnees
- University students
- High school students
- Volunteers
- Host families
- Exchange students



HOW

Let the exchange students in your local chapter hold presentations in public or at school about their exchange experience and their home culture. Food, music, dance, flags will make the presentations into a true cultural experience. Then explain what it means to explore a new culture. You can give examples of exploring new cultures through the role as an exchange student and the role as a host family.

A TRUE STORY

The “Intercultural Connections”-activity took place in Marupe, Smiltene and Kuldiga, Latvia for the Intercultural Dialogue Day 2013.



OUTCOMES

- Visibility of AFS Exchange Programmes
- The possibility to answer questions about AFS and Intercultural Dialogue Day
- Inclusion of exchange students and host families.

TIPS

- Have a close look at the diversity in your own community. Are there any local examples that can be used in the presentation about exploring a new culture?



AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

- Identify a coordinator
- Tasks to share among the volunteers:
 - Inclusion of the exchange students and host families. Help them with the presentations if needed
 - Get AFS t-shirts or similar colored clothing for everyone participating in the presentation
 - Publish the announcements on Facebook and on the National AFS website
 - Get flyers and information about AFS and Intercultural Dialogue Day to give to the audience.

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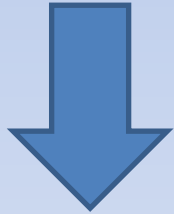
To introduce different regions to the exchange students currently hosted in your country. Also, to let remote areas familiarise with AFS, exchange students, hosting and intercultural dialogue.

WHAT

An exchange within the exchange is built on promoting intercultural understanding in places where there are not many or any exchange students. It also promotes mutual understanding as the exchange students get to know different areas of their host country.

WHO

- High school students
- Volunteers
- Host families
- Exchange students



HOW

- 1) Arrange an exchange with high schools in an area of your country where there are not many or any exchange students.
- 2) Find families interested in a temporarily hosting such as a week-long hosting.
- 3) Let the students attend classes at the exchange school and hold presentation about their home country and culture.
- 4) In the temporary host families, the students should learn about the culture of the region, the different ways of living in different families and also show some of their own culture to the host family.
- 5) The volunteers encourage discussions on intercultural dialogue and the differences of culture.

An exchange within the exchange

A TRUE STORY

"An exchange within the exchange" took place in Arandjelovac and Subotica, Serbia for the Intercultural Dialogue Day 2013.



OUTCOMES

- Giving an intercultural experience to communities where there are not many or any exchange students
- Engaging new host families and schools
- Giving the students an understanding for culture within culture

TIPS

- Let the exchange students take part in or organise after school activities for the other students and host families in the region they are visiting.



AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

- Identify a coordinator
- Contact the AFS organisation in your country
- Tasks to be shared among the volunteers:
 - Contact the partner schools
 - Find families in the area of the partner school who are interested to be temporary host families.
 - Arrange the travel to and from the exchange region.
 - Find volunteers in the exchange region who will work as a support team during the exchange.
 - Publish the announcements on Facebook and on the National AFS web-site.
- Get permissions from the authorities. Make sure the students are allowed to travel from their host families and school.