CULTURE TREASURE HUNT

WHY

Discover your own culture – your own city. We are always trying to learn aboutother cultures and forget our own!

WHAT

This is a treasure hunt competition. Work with groups of 5. Groups are given the questions in the beginning of the day and they have time to find the answers untill the end of the day. The questions are about things we see and walk by every day. The answers should be in the form of a photo with the group members. For many of the questions, participants should ask random people to help find answers.

WHO

- Returnees
- University students
- High school students

HOW

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

Identify a coordinator.

Volunteers share the following tasks upon their own requests:

- Walk around the city, learn about the city, write questions about interesting facts.
- Get the material printed out (question list, rules...)
- Get the t-shirts and nametag holders designed, printed.
- Publish the announcements on Facebook and on the National AFS web-site.
- Launch the Call for participants on the web site.
- Find sponsors.
- Find the restaurants where participants can eat during the all day long treasure hunt.
- Get the permissions from authorities .

TIPS

The higher the number of participants in the traesure hunt, the more difficult it is. Organise the group of volunteers:

OPTION 1 Establish a sort of hierarchy between the volunteers to avoid that the coordinator has to deal with most of the tasks, as he is the only one feeling the pressure of being 'in charge'.

OPTION 2 Do not have any sort of coordinator, but have a small group of volunteers (4-5), give them the task, and disappear. They will feel the pressure!







OUTCOMES

- Visibility for AFS for a whole day around the city.
- Knowledge about your own culture.
- Improvement of communication skills of participants.

A TRUE STORY

This IDD event took place in Istanbul, Turkey for Intercultural Dialogue Day 2010 and 2011.