



Some tips for organising YEE Day

When? Autumn 2011

How? Check what YEE and other MOs will do. Try to make a low-cost event or if you need fundraising ask local public administrations or look for donations in kind from other organizations and companies.

Promote it! Use your website, other organizations' website, Facebook, your mailing list and make posters and leaflets.


Share it! Let's all share what we did in our YEE day. Take pictures or record the results of your event. After, we will collect the pictures of, for example, landart of all MOs, or the music we made in forests all over Europe!

Contact us! If you need help or advice send us an email to:
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What are we planning for the Czech Republic?

During our YEE day we will enjoy a direct contact with the forest by cleaning it and making some activities in it.

8.30 - 9.15	Walk in the forest and observation of animals. Make a little walk first thing in the morning when animals can be still around and try to observe them with the help of an expert.
9.15 - 9.30	Icebreaker. Short game to get to know each other.
9.30 - 12.30	Cleaning of forest. Divide people in small groups, give each group 4 bags to separate garbage they pick up (paper, glass, plastic and mix). Give participants gloves with "YEE day" written on them - to promote YEE.
12.30 - 14.00	Lunch + Discussion of a topic. Make a picnic with the food people brought from home and make some discussion about any interesting topic related with nature and conservation of forests.
14.00 - 16.00	Land art and music in the forest. Make some pieces of land art and take pictures of them. We will ask MOs to do the same and after we will share all the pictures. Reproduce the sounds of the forest with natural things and record them. Share them also with other MOs.
	YEE day Postcard At the end we will give participants a postcard of YEE day and ask them to write a letter to themselves about how they would like to protect forests. We will send them those postcards in Christmas.



Looking for ideas for what to do on YEE Day?

You could, for example:

- Clean the forest or bring other help like raking leaves or cutting invasive plants.
- Make sculptures with the trash you are collecting.
- Make the sounds of the forest with natural elements you have collected.
- Open a debate about topics related with nature and protection of forests.
- Organize a treasure hunting including tasks or games connected with the forest.
- Have a walk in the forest with an expert to learn more about it.
- Prepare food and tea with things which you can find in the forest, like herbs, berries, mushrooms, seeds or nuts.



Game in Nature

Here you have an example of a game you can use in the forest during your YEE Day.

PUPPET THEATRE

Aim: To show children and youth how garbage can be used in an interesting way. This method motivates them to collect garbage using their imagination because there is the opportunity to use it in a creative and useful way. A reflection on recycling and especially on reusing waste can be done before or after the activity.

For Whom: Children and youth

Number of participants: No limit

Length of the activity: Around 1.5 - 2 hours

Place: Outdoors and indoors

Material and preparation needed: Any type of garbage that does not endanger life or health of participants can be used - for example, paper, plastic bottles, boxes.

Description: Divide participants into small groups and ask them to create a little puppet show.

Give participants enough time and space to prepare their puppets with garbage and their performances according to the topic of the show.

When all groups are ready, gather in order to show and watch the performances.

After the show, puppets can be kept or sorted for proper recycling.

Some useful links

You can find more games and ideas in YEE booklets:

- Discover Nature
- Games for Nature

And in the magazine:

- Youth Organising Green Events

They are all downloadable on YEE website in the magazine section in:

<http://yeenet.eu/index.php/publications/ye-e-magazine>



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