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SPARK – COMMUNITY THROUGH ICEBREAKERS – EVALUATION

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TELL US WHAT YOU THOUGHT OF TODAY'S TRAINING

The overall session: GREAT – 31 GOOD – 3

Change to network: GREAT – 20 GOOD – 12 SO-SO – 3

Pace of workshop: GREAT – 32 GOOD - 2

Learning content: GREAT – 28 GOOD – 6

Practical tools/strategies: GREAT – 30 GOOD – 4

SHARE ONE THING YOU LEARNED TODAY:

- How to create comfort in a big community
- More icebreakers!
- New icebreakers (4)
- Knowing other resource
- Group activities
- Why it is so important to do icebreakers
- Some good icebreakers to use.
- Better tool in how to have youth participate without so much pressure
- I need to go back to my notes from time to time to recall past training with YDN
- Activity – I will definitely use it with my youth groups
- Group of Fantastic Four, like the interaction and group presentation
- A lot of new activities to share with the youth (3)
- Team scavenger hunt
- Some really awesome and innovative icebreakers
- The importance of different types of icebreakers
- More ways of explaining how important this is to my staff
- Various activities to build community
- Reminded me of the importance of relationship vs. content
- I love community building activities
- Building communities slowly and intentionally increased safety and fun
- Building community through progressive grouping
- Learned about foam noodle tag. Want specific instructions
- Different “steps” in icebreakers from individual to full group
- Take a step back and engage even when busy
- Photo finish, #1 fan
- Good full group activities
- Finger game



WHAT DID YOU LEARN OR EXPERIENCE TODAY THAT WAS MOST USEFUL?

- Loved learning new ideas to share with youth
- Level of groups and games for each
- Different icebreaker activities (6)
- The finger counting game. We need to support the person who beat us.
- Working with a team/group of people that never met...very fun & challenging. I can share this experience with the youth.
- 1 – 1 full group examples
- I learned that there are always new things that even facilitators can learn
- Organization of small groups to larger group
- About the stages of communities
- The stages pairs – small group – large group – full group
- Feedback from group on their reactions to the icebreakers. Helps realize how more than one person feels about the experience
- How easy it is to have a lot of fun
- How to split kids into smaller groups
- More tools to work with kids – Thanks!
- All
- Easy to get involved, even though everyone hesitates
- Getting to meet people who are doing the same thing
- Different activities
- Practiced building community icebreakers
- A reminder of the importance of icebreakers
- Large icebreakers
- The value of icebreakers for building community
- Small group activities and one-on-one
- New ideas

WHAT DID YOU ENJOY THE MOST ABOUT THIS SESSION?

- Getting to know others that love to work with the youth
- The energy in the room & new icebreakers
- New people and games (3)
- Engagement
- Activities
- The scavenger hunt (2)
- Icebreakers & meeting new people
- Relationship building, I loved it, makes us think to have building relationships with others
- Outside large group activity, left palm, right finger
- All of it – Well done!
- Fun
- The diversity of the activities
- Participating in the activities we learned



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- The handshake 3 minute activity
- Being outside for some of the training
- The energy (2)
- The math game
- The workshop outside. We had a lot of room to work with
- The large group activity
- Not just sitting around
- Music! Heart pumping
- It was very active and upbeat
- Being outside!
- Engaging activities
- Facility
- Getting out of the office and playing for 2 hours
- Networking (3)
- Seeing new faces and familiar ones, too!
- The pace

WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE ABOUT THIS MINI-TRAINING?

- Longer (2)
- Just a bigger room (2)
- I would like an introduction of group for better networking
- Nothing (7)
- A few minutes to discuss challenges in doing icebreakers & brainstorm solutions
- Bring my co-workers
- I don't think I would change anything. I almost wish it wasn't mini. Sorry, I understand this may not be helpful, but I think you all covered a lot!
- Maybe having a session where we all share our programs so we can network
- More info in the packets to review later
- Not much, it was great
- Nothing, it was so much fun. Time went by too fast
- Longer, 3 hours maybe (2)
- You guys did a great job, thank you!
- Chance to see who else is here with a lunch session to talk
- It's too short.
- More in-depth brainstorming of other icebreakers
- Better food
- More networking

WHAT TOPICS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE COVERED AT FUTURE MINI-TRAININGS?

- A networking session specifically for groups in the area who are looking for partners
- More smaller icebreakers
- More "team builders" that deepened the development of a community



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- Looking forward to topics being covered
- How to get young staff excited about icebreakers & feel more comfortable teaching using icebreakers
- Dealing with negative behaviors of youth
- I'm looking forward to the 3rd training. I'm hoping to learn a lot on this training and taking it back to my program.
- Energizers! (2)
- How to endorse leadership, how to talk about the tough issues sensitively, how to handle conflict within the group
- Maybe something more on youth at the center of adult relationships
- Working with kids to avoid conflict or work through conflict with their peers
- How to explain the value of icebreakers to professionals, dealing with difficult behaviors
- What networking really looks like. How to get people comfortable with networking
- A few more resources to find icebreakers online or a list in our folder would be cool!
- More activities
- 40 Assets techniques
- How to communicate one-on-one

OTHER COMMENTS

- Great workshop and an awesome learning experience.
- Great training! (8)
- Thank you! (5)
- Fun & productive! (2)
- Yes! I feel you! It was a blast!
- Great job, again
- Yah rock. When can I get you to come to my organization?
- See you next month for the next training
- This was fun
- YDN is always fun.
- Really great!
- "When you leave your comfort zone, you find another place." Adrian. Great eval!
- Really enjoyed it all
- Great trainers
- I love YDN
- Great job – good refresher for me after 5 years