YIELD Project Storytelling Dice

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This storytelling dice game draws on findings from the Youth Investment, Engagement, and Leadership Development (YIELD) Project report, *Young People Advancing Sexual and Reproductive Health: Toward a New Normal*, which synthesizes global evidence on how to foster authentic youth participation and leadership in SRHR.

STORYTELLING DICE GAME

The purpose of this dice storytelling game is to create a dynamic way for young people to interact with YIELD findings and connect with others to share lived experiences as participants and leaders in SRHR efforts.

Visit yieldproject.org to download the report and related materials.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Gather into small groups of 4-5 people and sit in a circle.
2. Give each group (a) a pair of dice, one with theme words and one with happy or sad emoji, and (b) a set of description cards.
3. One participant rolls the pair of dice.
4. In 3 minutes or less, the participant shares an experience of the theme, that is either positive or negative—depending on the emoji.
5. Participants can pass to another volunteer if they do not want to share an experience.
6. Refer to the description cards as needed.
7. At the end of the game, discuss a compelling or common experience and what you might do to take action.
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Storytelling Dice - Positive or Negative Experience
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Cut-out description cards to support storytellers

PEER & PROFESSIONAL NETWORKS
• Work best when formally structured and supported
• Become assets that youth and adults can use throughout their careers
• Provide platforms to support, engage and follow young leaders over time, which is good for young people and organizations

Definition: The relationships and connections between young peers and the adults working with them that create a foundation of lasting social capital and access to individual and collective opportunities.

SAFETY
• Physical, emotional and digital safety of young AYSRHR advocates is critical – and often overlooked
• Formal safety protocols and procedures are increasingly common
• Young leaders can and should be involved in their development

Definition: The condition of being protected from or unlikely to cause danger, risk, or injury, which involves ensuring physical, emotional and digital safeguarding, protection and support of young people engaged in AYSRHR activities of all kinds.

YOUTH-ADULT PARTNERSHIP
• Must be intentionally fostered; it does not necessarily happen naturally.
• Requires training for young people AND adults. The development of intergenerational relationships takes skills, time and mutual commitment.
• When done correctly, it is a win-win – enabling both sides to benefit from the unique experience, perspectives and wisdom of the other.

Definition: A conscious relationship that establishes and sustains intergenerational equity between young people and adults.

PIPESLINES & PATHWAYS
• Some young people manage to create their own future pathways – but many cannot
• The field needs to help young people age “up” rather than “out”
• Creating ongoing opportunities within and across programs has benefits for both individuals and organizations

Definition: Intentional opportunities for young people to engage in AYSRHR activities for the first time and move along a trajectory of increasing opportunity and responsibility, if so desired.

COMPENSATION
• A culture of volunteerism continues to be the norm in youth participation efforts
• Young people want and should be compensated for the unique and valuable contributions they make
• Compensating young people enables greater diversity and sustainability of their roles

Definition: Compensation is recognizing and paying for the services of young people who play unique and valuable roles as active contributors and leaders in AYSRHR efforts.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION
• The motivations, experiences and benefits of young AYSRHR leaders vary widely
• Engaging and retaining diversity must be intentional
• Different profiles of youth participants require situation-specific training, support and resources to ensure benefits are equitably realized

Definition: The importance and value of enabling engagement of the full spectrum of youth identities and perspectives, creating opportunities that are responsive to the distinct wants and needs of different youth populations.