

Brainstorming a Grassroots Urban Camp

Why not take the things you enjoy doing and turn them into a community-benefiting Urban Camp. The opportunities are as varied as there are people with passion! For example, an Urban Camp team might create an after school arts program to address diversity in their neighbourhood or those who like the outdoors might organize clean-up hikes to promote taking care of creation. Below is a list of questions that can help you brainstorm a few ideas. You can plot these on the chart provided or on a flip chart with your team.

What are your interests and passions?

Make a list of your favorite hobbies, sports, issues, and school subjects. For example, maybe you like knitting, playing soccer, and are passionate about HIV/AIDS education.

What are your skills? What are you good at doing?

Make a list of your talents and abilities. What skills do you and your team possess? For example, maybe you are good at playing the guitar, talking to new people, or painting.

What problems exist in your school or community?

Make a list of problems affecting your community. For example, maybe there's a lot of vandalism, the food at your school isn't nutritious enough, or there is peer pressure to use drugs or smoke.

What groups of people in your community need help or support?

Make a list of different groups of people in your community that you are interested in working with on problems in your community. For example, maybe elderly people, new immigrants, or kids that are bullied.

Think creatively about how you can use your hobbies, skills, interests, and passions to respond to a need, a problem, or an opportunity to create change. Brainstorm ways that your team can connect the lists that you have created in order to create a community-benefiting Urban Camp.

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Interests and passions	Skills	Needs in Community	Groups	Potential Venture
eg. skateboarding plays fashion dogs	cooking karate writing talking with people	racism teen pregnancy no art classes	school workers new Canadians young mothers students	A theater group that works with new immigrants to write and produce plays about racism.