

Off-timetable Active Citizenship Workshops for Schools



# AGENTS FOR ACTION



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Envision's off-timetable workshops aim to educate students around social and sustainable development issues to inspire and empower young people to become change-makers through taking positive action.

The sessions build awareness about the issues in an engaging, fun and educational way.

The Agents for Action workshop consists of 3 sections:

**PROVOKE** What's going on in the world? What do you think about it? What worries or excites you about the future? An exploration of current understanding of social and environmental issues.

**INSPIRE** Identify the characteristics of great leaders and positive leadership and explore the power of individuals to make a difference. What impact do certain actions have on our environment and society and how do you persuade people to make sustainable choices?

**CREATE** Develop communication and team working skills to work collaboratively to plan a project idea based on an issue and create a persuasive presentation to deliver to an Apprentice style panel (optional).\*\*

The workshop facilitators will coach awareness, curiosity, discussion, cooperation, persuasion, creativity and project design. They will use games, group activities, role play, conversation, video and presentations to help young people develop their understanding of sustainability issues and community cohesion and explore ways to make a difference.

\*\* The apprentice style panel is optional and can be included upon request from the school/college.

**BE  
CHANGE  
MAKERS**

**ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOPS TO MEET YOUR REQUIREMENTS:**

Flexible with the audience but targeted towards Years 9-13.

Works with either an entire year group off-timetable or a specific group of students.

Flexible with timings and offered as a half-day or whole day session.

Flexible in design and content. Can include specific focus on either sustainable development or social issues. This will be discussed and agreed with your school/college beforehand.

Engenders enthusiasm amongst participants to continue making a difference.

Works towards initiating a project outcome which will benefit the school / community.

"An innovative student centred approach to encouraging young people to engage with the key issues facing society today. Extremely well organised with enthusiastic and well informed facilitators, I would recommend this without reservation"

Amy Oxley  
Extended Schools Coordinator, Globe Academy, Southwark







## Expertise in Active Citizenship

Citizenship education has been found to be most effective when it is relevant, interactive, collaborative and participative. With greater emphasis in the new Key Stage 4 curriculum on taking collective action, participating in both school and community-based activities and working with community partners we feel that our experience of supporting young people to take positive action in their communities has never been more relevant than now.

Since 2000 Envision has had considerable experience of active citizenship and it puts us in a strong position for supporting those who are currently getting to grips with the revised AS level specification and full A-level in Citizenship Studies introduced to the curriculum. There is a clear emphasis on the importance of active citizenship and participation in these new specifications.

Development of these workshops has been done in consultation with Heads of Citizenship at several schools and colleges to ensure that they are relevant and appropriate for the students.

Since 2003 we have been training teachers on Citizenship PGCE and Certificate courses on how to engage and support young people in active citizenship projects as well as providing advice on how to work with outside agencies to enhance the learning in the curriculum.

Our workshops link closely with the National Framework for Sustainable Schools and statutory requirements around community cohesion.



## OUR CREDENTIALS

### LSN Citizenship Champion

Envision is proud to be selected by the Learning and Skills Network as a Citizenship Education Champion.

### New Philanthropy Capital

We are delighted to have been recommended by New Philanthropy Capital as one of just six charities that can even out the inequalities facing disadvantaged young people.

### GoldStar Exemplar Project

Envision has been recognised by the Office of the Third Sector and the Cabinet Office as a best practice for engaging, recruiting, training and supporting young people.

### Young People Evaluations

Our annual evaluations show that 100% of participants would recommend Envision to a peer. 97% said that Envision has increased their awareness of social issues; 96% said that Envision had improved their awareness of environmental issues; 90% indicated a positive impact on their leadership skills while 92% noted that Envision had a positive impact on their confidence.

### National Lottery Awards

Envision is proud to be one of the top three in the 2008 National Lottery Awards – Best Education Project.

### Guardian Charity Awards 2008

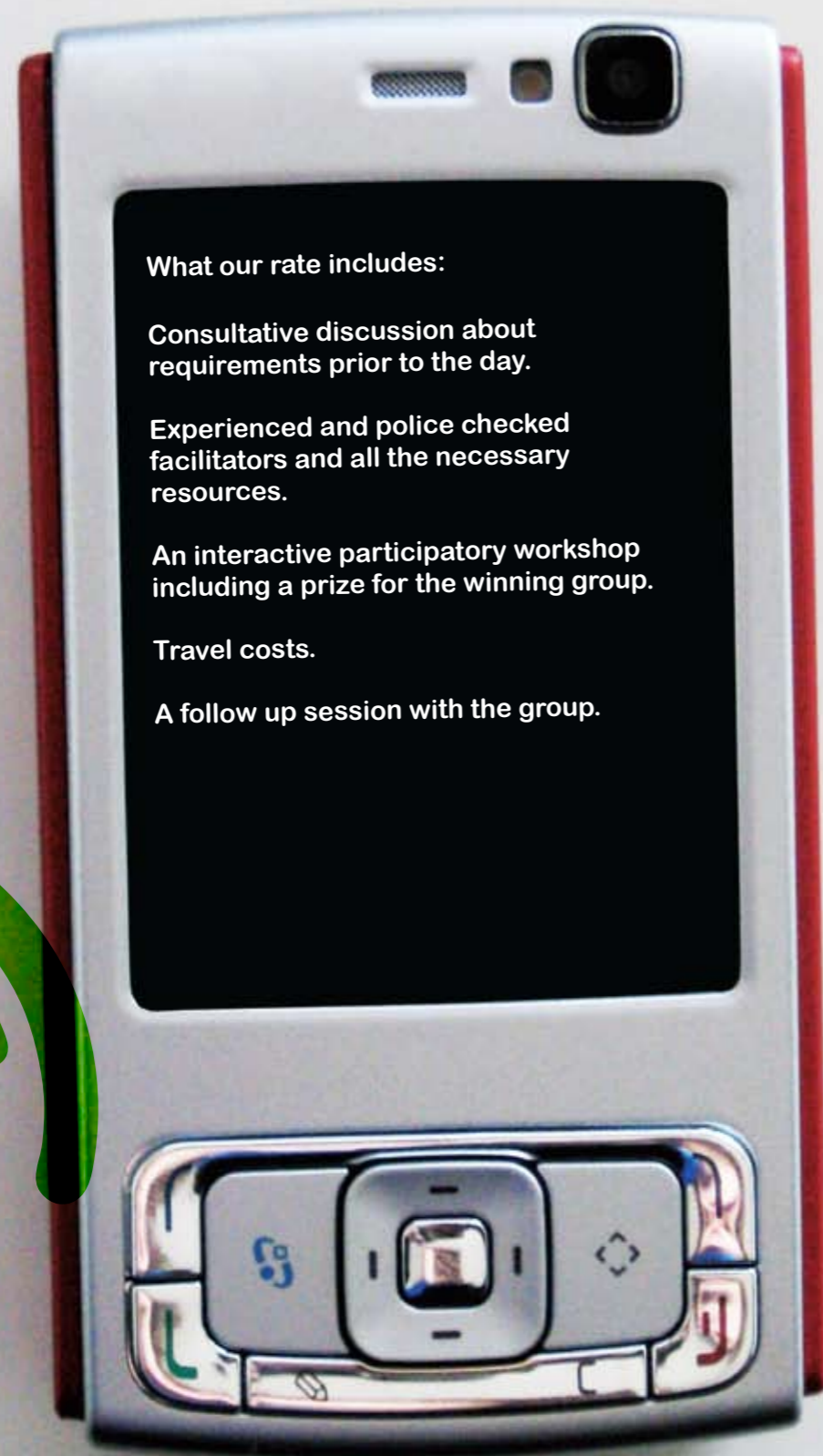
Envision won this award for a small charity demonstrating innovation and excellence in its community reach.

## EXAMPLE OUTLINE OF AN AGENTS FOR ACTION HALF DAY SESSION:

Timings	Activity Description
<b>1 hour</b>	<b>SESSION ONE: PROVOKE</b>
5 mins	Changing World video
15 mins	The Line of Opinion: students discuss and justify their opinions
20 mins	Sustainium: interactive quiz game around sustainability issues
20 mins	Can you see the future montage: creative activity in which students explore their visions of the future
<b>50 mins</b>	<b>SECTION TWO: INSPIRE</b>
20 mins	Stories of inspirational leaders and change makers: presentation, discussion and video
15 mins	Choices and Consequences: role play activity
15 mins	The Persuaders: role play to develop skills of persuasive argument
<b>1 hour 10 mins</b>	<b>SECTION THREE: CREATE</b>
10 mins	In groups students brainstorm issues, decide on one specific issue to tackle and discuss what they know about the issue.
15 mins	Thinking about their chosen issue, how could they make a difference? What creative ways can they think of to make an impact? Workshop facilitators provide advice, project planning tools and resources to guide the planning process.
15 mins	Students prepare to present their project ideas to a Dragons Den style panel of judges
25 mins	Presentation Pitches to the "Dragons" – Q & A
5 mins	Reflection on participation and achievement



## Booking an Envision Workshop



We offer competitive rates and an excellent service to meet your requirements.

If you are interested in booking one of our sessions please contact the envision staff member below for more information and to discuss specific requirements.

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