ABSTRACT

SIMULATION GAMES IN NON-FORMAL EDUCATION

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THE METHOD

A simulation game is a model of reality. Within a given scenario the participants are challenged to deal with political and social problems by taking over the role of a stakeholder in the respective conflict. Our simulation games cover a wide variety of issues. We are specialized in political and social conflicts and seek to develop adequate simulation games for the local needs.

Simulation games transform participants into stakeholders and let them experience the roots and dynamics of a given conflict. The method is a great tool to improve one's social skills in general. Further simulation games foster a deeper understanding of the given topic; they improve empathy and help to stimulate self-reflection processes. Moreover simulation games promote critical thinking.

POSSIBLE AREAS OF APPLICATION:
- Conflict analysis and resolution
- Scenario development
- Strategy development
- Teambuilding

Participants discuss and negotiate possible actions, reactions and make decisions. Through this process, participants affect others and get affected as well. This leads to unpredictable dynamics, which makes it challenging to pursue one's own interest and to overcome the diverging interests. This intense experience encourages the participants to further think about the respective topic.

We use simulation games as a political laboratory, which offers the chance to test alternative ideas and approaches, which can then be applied in reality with greater certainty about its effects and consequences, especially the unintended ones. Due to the experiences in the simulation game the participants are empowered to stand up for their beliefs and encourage others to reflect on certain issues.

WHAT WE OFFER:
We have remarkable experience in working together with other organizations from different fields and different regions.
FORMATS:
Seminars, workshops, training-of-trainers, conferences, and more.
TOPICS:
We have a developed large variety of simulation games that cover different topics - *check our website*. Or on request we can also develop a simulaton game that fits exactly your needs.

LEARNING BENEFITS:
- Experienced based learning
- Understanding complex problems
- Discovering new perspectives
- Testing alternative solutions
- Experience a riskfree environment
- Raising mutual understanding

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