

➔ The Yellow Brick Road

Aim: To evaluate a grant made to a local group.

You will need

Pens, flipchart paper and lots of post-it's

Preparation

- Draw the 'yellow brick road on a flipchart sheet...
- Make it big enough to stick post-it's on.

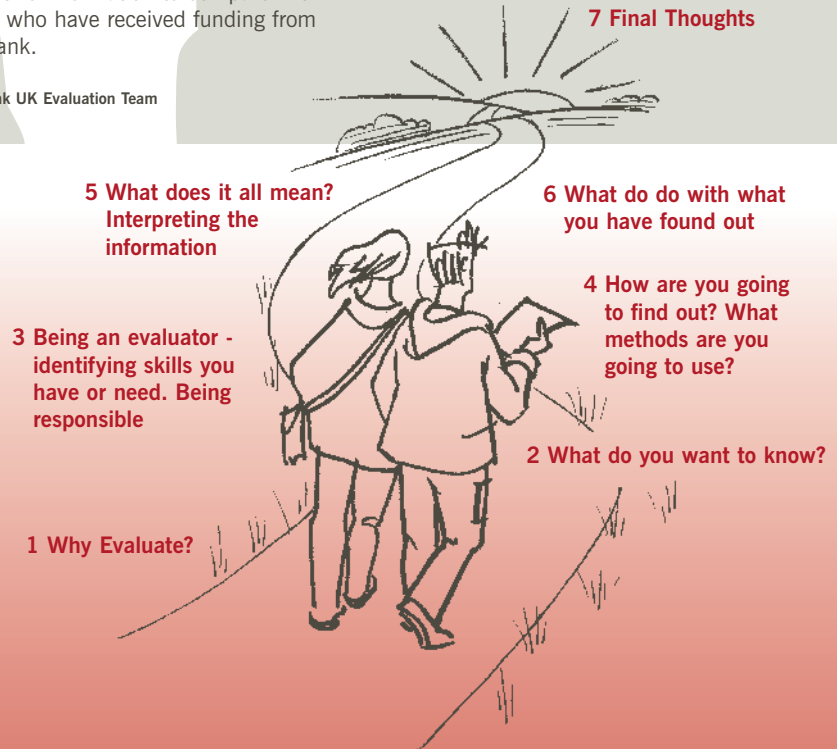
What to do

- 1 Tell the group that the yellow brick road represents their project.
- 2 Explain to the group what the different areas represent on the road.
- 3 Get them to think about each step, read out the questions one by one and ask the group to write down their answers, views, opinions on the post it's, explain what should be included in each section. Suggest that they talk to the person next to them - or in small groups.
- 4 If the group gets stuck give them some prompts.

Afterwards

You can use this information to compare with other groups who have received funding from your YouthBank.

Source; YouthBank UK Evaluation Team



➔ Opinion Finders

Aim: To gather information from people about their response to a series of statements or opinions

What you need

Copies of 'Opinion Finder' sheets (Page 20)
Pens for everyone
20 minutes

What to do

- Give everyone one of the opinion finder sheets, you can either use some prepared statements (or opinions) or get the group to generate their own. Below are some examples of opinions which could be used for grantmakers and for grant recipients.
- Make sure that everyone understands his or her statement.

- Explain they are not your opinions; they are statements to get people thinking about the grants they have made or received and how they have worked.
- They can use the grid to record other people's opinions; they should tick the grid next to the response they give.
- There is also space for comments for any statements; encourage people to collect comments as well as 'ticks'.
- Get **everyone** to move around the room and be 'opinion finders' by asking other people about their 'statements'.

You will need different types of statements depending on whether you are doing this with a YouthBank, with grant recipients or beneficiaries of projects. It might be a good idea to think of statements that any grant recipient could consider and then you would be able to compare responses from different groups.

Opinion Finder statements for grantmakers

- We came up with ideas for grant themes and fundraising
- Not many young people know about YouthBank
- Young people make all the decisions in YouthBank
- The application process was really simple/difficult
- I have heard of YouthBank
- I have no idea how this event was organised

Opinion Finder statements for grant recipients

- We were pleased to get the grant
- We were involved in writing the applications form
- The youth worker filled the form in
- I found it easy to understand the application form

Source; Participation Spice it up! Cardiff: Save the Children Fund, Dynamix Ltd (2002)