DIY: Viewing Parties for the Global Forum for Adolescents

We're thrilled that you're interested in hosting a viewing party - a gathering where people come together to watch the Global Forum for Adolescents (GFA) and connect in-person! Hosting a viewing party can help raise awareness about the issues, provide a platform for local advocates and champions to connect and contribute to national discussions on adolescent well-being. Please note that hosting a viewing party doesn't require a commitment to the full two days of the event. You can choose the sessions that align best with your organization's interest and schedule. To ensure your viewing party is a success, we've put together this do-it-yourself (DIY) note to guide you through the process.
Preparation and Planning

1. **Event Registration:**
   Please register your viewing party [here](#). Your event's details will be recorded and uploaded onto our website, ensuring its recognition.

2. **Venue Selection:**
   Choose a suitable location for your viewing party. Your options are varied and could include a community center, a local library, a classroom, a conference room, or even your home.

3. **Internet/Wi-Fi:**
   For a smooth viewing experience, you need a strong and reliable internet connection. Ensure everyone has a good view by properly setting up a laptop, screen, or projector.

4. **GFA Schedule:**
   Review the GFA schedule and select the sessions you want to screen that align with your organization's objectives or your audience's interests. You can view the entire 2-day programme [here](#). Select the time(s) that works for your audience. Ensure the timing aligns with the agenda of the GFA sessions you plan to screen. The forum will run from **08:30 AM to 18:00 PM (CET)**

5. **Forum Registration:**
   As a host, you must register for the Global Forum for Adolescents. Audience members are also encouraged to register. Registration allows everyone to actively participate, ask questions, and engage in the chat. Please register [here](#).

6. **Accessibility:**
   Please prioritize accessibility and inclusivity in your events. Take steps to ensure easy access for individuals with reduced mobility. The GFA livestream will offer International Sign language interpretation in English, French and Spanish to enhance inclusivity.
Registration and Communications

1. **Communication:**
   Spread the word about your viewing party through social media and any other channels relevant to your network. You can use this Social Media Kit to create a co-branded event banner/flier.

2. **Social Media Sharing:**
   Encourage attendees to share their experiences on social media using the hashtag #1point8 #YoungPeopleForChange. This spreads the message and connects your event with the broader GFA movement. You can also tag us when you post/share. Our social media handles are:

   ![Social Media Handles]

   - 📸 @1point8billion
   - 📫 @PMNCH
   - 💬 @PMNCH
   - 🎥 @PMNCH

Event Execution

1. **Set-Up:**
   Arrive early at the venue to set up equipment. Test the stability of the internet, the streaming quality, and the audio output. Remember, you can use a laptop/tablet if you don't have a projector and a Bluetooth speaker for better audio quality.

2. **Documentation:**
   Take photos and videos during the event. You can use these visuals and make engaging Instagram Reels and TikToks. This documentation will highlight your involvement with the GFA and aid future promotions.
Post Event

Follow-Up:
After the event, send a follow-up email to thank attendees for participating. Share any resources, materials, or key takeaways discussed during the event, collect feedback, and complete this survey to get your work recognized.

Are you hosting a big event?
Consider the following elements:

1. **Audio Quality:**
   Ensure everyone can hear clearly. If your venue has built-in audio, that's great. If not, consider using additional speakers. You can use a friend's/colleague's Bluetooth speaker for better audio quality if available.

2. **RSVP:**
   Encourage attendees to confirm participation so you can adequately arrange the event.

3. **Interaction and Discussion:**
   If it suits you and the audience, lead discussions after each session. Please have a few discussion points or questions ready to engage participants and encourage them to share their thoughts.

4. **Engaging the Audience:**
   Add interactive elements like polls, quizzes, or group activities related to the session themes. These activities boost involvement and encourage everyone to join in.

We're excited about your commitment to adolescent well-being and your enthusiasm for the GFA. For further assistance or to share your event's success stories, please contact Prince Banda (bandap@who.int) and Renée de Jong (rede@who.int). Let's make the GFA viewing parties a catalyst for positive change!

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