

Developing Your Idea

Questions to help youth round out their ideas

The following is a list of questions you may find helpful as you assist students in exploring Venture ideas. Many strategies ask young people to come up with a list of things they like to do and a list of the problems/needs they see in their community. Below are a list of more specific questions you can ask to generate ideas, divided into the Asset Inventory list and the Community Needs/Problems List.

- Encourage the group to generate as long a list as possible
- If you're having trouble getting responses, you may want to go around the room and have everyone list 3 things they like to do, etc.
- Consider using candy, prizes, or other incentives as a reward for participation

Part 1: Asset Inventory

What kinds of things do you like to do?

What do you like to do?

At home On vacation
Seasons At school
With friends

What are you good at?

What would your best friend or your parents say you are good at?

What are some adjectives that describe you? Can you translate them into corresponding skills?

If you were to list your five best skills on a resume, what would they be?

What is something you like to do that people may not know much about?

What is a unique skill that you have?

What is one thing you'd like to do that you have never done?

What do you dream of doing?

If you had to pick one thing that you are most passionate about what would it be?

What do you want to be when you grow up?

When you were younger what did you want to do when you grew up?

What do you do for fun?

What activities are you involved with?

If you were going to start something new what would it be?

A club/team at school A class at school
Community organization

Any volunteer experiences you were involved in that you enjoyed?

What would you like to do to help people?

If you got together with a few of your friends, what would you do together?

Part 2: Community Needs

What do you see as a problem in your:

School Neighborhood
Town State
Region Country
World

What issues has someone you know dealt with?

What kinds of things do you hear other people complaining about?

What do you see in the news that you wish could be different?

If you were the/a ____ what would you do?

Mayor Principal
President Coach
Advisor

Are there opportunities that you wish you had?

Are there opportunities that you have had that other people have not?

What services are missing in your community?

Are there groups of people who aren't getting their needs met?

Immigrants Elderly
Disabilities Unemployed
Children Etc

When you were in grammar school, what is something that affected you negatively (ie. bullying)?

What contributions to your community/ the world would you want people to remember you by?

If you could wave a magic wand, what would you change in the world/your community?

If you won the lottery and suddenly had a lot of money to donate to a cause, what would the cause be?

What organizations do your family or people you know support?