

# Selection Panel

## Presenting Your Plan at Selection Panel

**Selection Panels** are a place to present your idea and plans and to get feedback from community members. Below are a few suggestions of things that you can do to help clearly communicate your Venture idea at Selection Panel:

**Introduce yourselves.** Remember that each team member should participate in the Selection Panel presentation.

**Show Panelists how your Venture will be successful.** This should be the focus of your presentation. All of the information you share should help illustrate your plan for a successful Venture.

**Explain your Venture idea.** This may be the first time panelists hear your idea, so your explanation needs to be clear. If possible, include a brief story that illustrates the need for your Venture.

**Outline your Action Plan.** Your Action Plan contains all of the information that will be important to share with the Selection Panel. Don't read your Action Plan word-for-word. Instead, use it as an outline for your presentation.

**Provide visual aids.** Visual aids can be incredibly useful; they help audience members recall your information and sometimes they can more effectively illustrate or emphasize concepts. Visual aids you might consider include: PowerPoint presentations, short videos, photos of your team in action, posters, graphs, or charts to illustrate your Venture's need, impact, or budget.

**Make eye contact and speak loudly and clearly.** You know what goes into a good presentation. Practice delivering your presentation before attending the Selection Panel. This will help ensure a smooth delivery.

**Don't be nervous about answering the Selection Panel's questions.** They are not there to test you; they are asking questions to help themselves better understand your Venture and to help you think about your idea from a new perspective.

**Thank the Panelists and audience.** Remember, they've volunteered their time to attend your presentation!

### More YV Tip Sheets

Check out these additional YV Tip Sheets:

- [Public Speaking](#)
- [What is a Selection Panel?](#)