



Plan: Reducing Risks

Identify risks associated with your projects and if these risks are wise or unwise.

All peacemaking projects involve risks of some kind. Some risk is OK! A *risk* is anything that is potentially harmful to you, the community, or your project. These risks could be small, such as looking silly in front of your friends. Some risks could be more significant, such as making someone in the community angry or being in a physically unsafe environment.

It is important to remember that people often overestimate or underestimate risks associated with projects, especially projects they are passionate about. Find a mentor to check your team's assumptions or trade work among groups. The goal is to not make this project risk-free but rather to make sure that the risks you are taking are safe and reasonable.

- Use the **Plan: Reducing Risks Worksheet** to document potential risks associated with your project.
- Ask yourself:
 - How might I be putting myself and others at risk?
 - Is this a short-term or small risk that will help me grow as a peacemaker or is this a reckless risk?
 - What are some things we can do to lessen this risk?
- If possible, share your **Plan: Reducing Risk Worksheet** with another group to review their risks. Offer any suggestions to their work and get feedback on your work as well.

EXAMPLE:

Step	How might I be putting others or myself at risk?	Short-term, small risk or long-term, greater risk?	One thing I can do or change to make this risk smaller/manageable
Get approval from school		Small risk/greater risk	
Find funding for activities	We might have to visit organizations out of school environment	Small risk/greater risk	Ask a teacher to join us when visiting organizations
Print out invitations		Small risk/greater risk	
Create materials to decorate day		Small risk/greater risk	
Give invitations out to guests	Some bullies might feel offended and become violent	Small risk/greater risk	Ensure invitations explain the nature of the event as an inclusive opportunity to get everyone involved instead of trying to blame
Run day		Small risk/greater risk	
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Plan: Reducing Risk Worksheet

Your name: _____

Your group name: _____

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