

Gender Workshop Reflections (Due July 28th)

The gender-related workshops that I asked you to lead are not simple to plan or organize. You had to adapt materials—originally intended for use with people in Afghanistan who suffered under years of Taliban rule (and still suffer from it in some areas)—to an audience of your classmates. The materials had rather confusing instructions and time frames that were different from the 18 minutes you were given for completing the workshop in our class.

Here are some questions that you must answer after you perform your workshops by posting in this “Gender Workshop Reflections” discussion area by July 28th (Wednesday).

Each person in the group should post their responses INDIVIDUALLY. The questions are in three categories:

1. Preparing for the workshop
2. The workshop itself
3. As an audience member of the other workshops
4. Overall reflections

Preparing for the Workshop

1. Did you have any trouble meeting with your fellow group members? If so, what obstacles did you face? How did you carry out your preparations?
2. Did the group leader show leadership? How so?
3. Were your fellow group members cooperative?
4. What communication difficulties, if any, did you have with your group members in planning the workshop or distributing tasks among the members?
5. Did you personally feel frustrated by anything? Explain.
6. How do you think communication among members might have gone more smoothly?
7. For the first 4 groups to do their workshops, how did you deal with planning for both online and F2F workshop participants? Did you feel that it was too complicated to plan for?

The Workshop Itself

1. How do you think your workshop went? Were you pleased by the result?
2. Were the responsibilities for conducting the workshop spread evenly and fairly across your group members? If not, why not.

3. Did anything go wrong, or not go as you expected? Explain the details. If there were problems, how did you deal with them?
4. Were you satisfied with the response of the “audience” to your workshop? Why or why not? How could they have been a “better audience.”
5. How could your workshop have been better?
6. In the case of those who gave their workshop on July 13th, did you feel that it was harder dealing with one of the groups (i.e., online versus F2F participants). If so, why? For those who gave their workshop on July 20th, would you have rather done your workshop F2F or in a hybrid way? Why or why not?

As an audience member of the other workshops

1. Which of the workshops impressed you the most? Why?
2. What were some aspects of the other workshops that made it difficult for you to understand them?
3. What advice would you give to your classmates for providing a more effective presentations and workshops?
4. What do you now know about gender issues that you didn’t know before the workshops?

FINALLY....

Based on the feedback you received from classmates (which Dias will send to you in the evening of July 20th), how do you feel about the way your workshop went and what improvements do you think you could have made to it?