

Tips for bites based on artefacts and displays.

Artefacts

Many of the “Bites” described in this Guide have been greatly enhanced by the use of artefacts from GLADE's many collections. If you are focussing on a particular country it is worth looking at GLADE's website (www.glade.org) in the resources section to see if we have a relevant collection or item. We have real worry dolls from Guatemala, papel picado from Mexico, a homemade football from Zambia, wire toys from Ghana, a whole set of Oware boards, musical instruments from Africa, cooking stoves from many countries and so on. These items bring your displays to life, and the fact that people can handle and use them adds to their appeal.

However, there are watch points to consider. Make sure that you do not create a “folksy” stereotype of life in the country you are dealing with. Most of GLADE's collections include photopacks which help to remedy this, for example by showing westernised urban life alongside traditional village life, and showing poverty and wealth in both contexts. You can also introduce stereotypes as a point in the discussion.

Do be careful about health and safety. Toys made from bottle tops and wire; stoves made from recycled metal etc can be dangerous for children who are used to “safe” toys to play with.



Displays

It is better to display a little well than a lot badly. Test your display by the following criteria:

- Does it take more than 2 minutes to read all the labels?
- Can the labels be read from a distance of 2 metres?
- Are more than 10% of the words more than 3 or more syllables long?
- Are the photographs large enough to see the detail from 1 metre?
- Do all the people in the photos look into the display, not out of it?
- Is every photo strictly relevant and necessary?

And for outdoors events:

- Is it going to stand up on a windy day? Have you something to anchor it with?
- What is going to happen to it if it rains?
- Is it very heavy and awkward to carry?



Don't forget that balloons, brightly coloured material and pennants, will all attract attention to your stall. National flags, brightly coloured cloths from the country you are focussing on, etc all help.

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