

Interview Questions Develop at NAYEN Breakout Session 601 on “Interview Questions”

Workshop participants were broken down into small group and asked to design question which:

- 1) Could have been posed by an identified group (Medical, Host Parents, School Officials etc.) of interviewers, and/or
- 2) Were unable to have been anticipated by the applicant, and/or
- 3) Were designed to display the resilience or lack of resilience of the applicant

Here are questions which resulted from the small group sessions:

- 1) Tell me about a difficult situation you found yourself in. What did you do to overcome or deal with that situation?
- 2) What has been your greatest challenge in your life so far? How did you deal with that?
- 3) Tell us about a problem in your life and how you dealt with that?
- 4) Tell us about a time you failed at a task and kept working on it until you succeeded
- 5) Tell us about a time you disagreed strongly with someone. How did you deal with that?
- 6) Tell us about a time you had to ask for help. How did it go?
- 7) Tell us about a time you were bullied. How did you deal with that?
- 8) If you are in a family that all go to the sauna nude, tell us how you would deal with that.H
- 9) Tell us about a mistake you have made in your life. How did you make up for it? What did you learn from it?
- 10) Tell us about a time you had to ask for help with a problem. Did you get help? How did everything turn out?
- 11) Tell us about a time you did something that your parents advised you not to do. How did that work out for you?
- 12) If you are lost in the woods with no resources but yourself, how would you proceed?
- 13) Have you ever taken an extended trip with a family or group other than your own family? If so, ask: Tell us about the most uncomfortable experience on that trip. How did that work out for you?
- 14) Have you ever experienced discrimination? If so, how did you handle that?
- 15) What one word would you use to describe yourself? (ask the parents the same question about the student)
- 16) Situation: You are in a Scandanavian country – family goes nude into a sauna...what do you do? (ask student and ask parent and the question)
- 17) Tell me about a time you had to deal with a difficult person and how you dealt with it.

HOST PARENTS as Interviewers:

- 18) If you ask your host family for permission to do something and they say no but your friends increase pressure to disobey, how do you handle it and preserve your relationship.

SCHOOL Officials as Interviewers:

- 19) How do you intend to spend your time in school? Even knowing the courses don't count toward your future transcript?
- 20) How do you plan to do well in school (can be academic or personal or cultural answer)
- 21) What skills do you have that will make you be successful in your exchange (can be applied to school specifically)

ROTARIANS as Interviewers:

- 22) When someone asks you why you chose the Rotary program, what do you know about Rotary to answer?
- 23) Ask them to recite the 4 Way Test.

INBOUND/ROTEX table:

- 24) Willing to try different foods?
- 25) What's your REAL reason for going on exchange?

GENERAL Questions

- 26) If I looked at your Facebook page (social media) right now, what would I see?
- 27) If I told you I was going to look at your fb page (social media site), what would you hurry to change or delete?
- 28) Are you willing to remove the stud from your tongue before you go? (step two – you have to)
- 29) How do you think you will deal with homesickness?
- 30) To Parents: when your child has been there 3 months and tell you, "I hate it" and want to come home, what do you tell them?
- 31) If you arrive at your new airport and you don't speak the language, and one hour later, still no one, what would you do?
- 32) How would you deal with the death or serious illness of a family member/loved one while you are abroad

Also see "Interview Questions – 2014" which were developed for interviews in D6110.