Civic Engagement Interview Guide

Subject	Purpose	Topic
Project Goals	**To understand the nature and scope of the community issue and project plans to address it.**	**1. Description of the community problem.** *(Probe for the significance of the problem, how and where it is manifested, and its impact on the community.)* **2. Specific project goals/ for addressing the problem.** *(Probe for how goals and strategy were decided.)*
Project Implementation	**To describe how the project was implemented, including time-frame, resources, activities, and difficulties**	**1. Project time-frame.** **2. Project participants.** *(Probe for students, faculty/administrators, community groups/individuals, etc.)* **3. Project activities.** *(Probe for products that were generated from activities.)* **4. Implementation issues.** *(Probe for difficulties/challenges and efforts at resolution.)*
Participant Role	**To describe how the participant contributed to the project**	**1. Participant's involvement.** *(Probe for activities in which participant played a leadership role.)* **2. Time spent (hours/week).** **3. Products produced (e.g., instructional materials, publications, flyers/brochures, etc.).**
Project Impact	**To assess the impact of the project on student outcomes and the nature of the impact process.**	**1. Project impact on gains in knowledge.** *(Probe for current vs. previous understanding of the problem.)* **2. Project impact on skills/abilities learned/acquired.** *(Probe for leadership, management and communication skills.)* **3. Project impact on interests.** *(Probe for academic work and career plans, interest in community service.)* **4. Project impact on feelings.** *(Probe for attitudes/feelings about target group, compassion/empathy, self-confidence and optimism about the future.)* **5. Assessment of the manner in which student outcomes were affected by the project.** *(See attached process descriptions.)*
Project Assessment	**To assess participant's opinion of the project**	**1. Project results and accomplishments.** **2. Strengths/weaknesses of the project.** **3. Likes/dislikes about the project.** **4. Suggestions for project improvement.**

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