

## **Workshop Tips for The Capitalist Ecological Crisis and How To Fight It:**

- 1) **MAKE A LOOSE SCRIPT:** Having a loose script for what you want to say is super important and will help you stay on track throughout your workshop. The script is really all about your ideas; how and in what order do you want to present them? Plan how you want to move through or around the ideas you want to convey and the points you want to make in your workshop.
- 2) **MAKE VISUALS AHEAD OF TIME:** It is very difficult to be writing too much down during your workshop. Try to make visuals ahead of time so that you can focus on you workshop attendees as much as possible. Planning ahead is also helpful for knowing where you want to teach concepts and where you might want the audience to fill in and add content.
- 3) **SHOW UP EARLY:** It is good to get a sense of your space ahead of time and make the necessary adjustments so that your workshop runs smoothly. Some things to think about might be seating and space to display visuals. It can also be good to walk around and let people know your workshops is starting soon if you are in a public place (like a fair).
- 4) **TELL THE AUDIENCE WHO YOU ARE:** Doing a group project it was really good for us to share where we were coming from and how we arrived in front of them at the workshop. This could be explaining why or how you are teaching your workshop but it is most important to explain how you arrived at the knowledge/skills/viewpoints that you have and why you feel it is important to share them.
- 5) **ALLOW TIME FOR THE AUDIENCE TO SPEAK/PARTICIPATE:** We used a lot of think, pair share and pop corning to keep the audience involved throughout our workshop. It is helpful to gather examples and ideas from your audience, especially when you workshop works in the intellectual realm (as opposed to teaching people a skill, although audience involvement is definitely important here as well).
- 6) **USE YOUR EXPERIENCE:** This could be extended to say “use your personality.” Make your workshop, teaching your skills, an extension of yourself. Relate what you are doing to your life and invite the audience to relate the material to their lives. Get in touch with your tendencies when speaking to an audience and plan for them. For me this was making jokes and trying to entertain the crowd. I definitely could have planned for this better and will seek to do so more in the future.