



CHECKLIST FOR RITUALIZING COMING OF AGE



PLANNING

First things first

<input type="checkbox"/> We are clear about our objectives for this event
We have identified:
<input type="checkbox"/> About whom? 1) Youth 2) Family
<input type="checkbox"/> By whom? Young person + trusted adult are responsible for crafting and organizing
<input type="checkbox"/> With whom? Who participates and who is invited? (godparents, friends)
COMMUNICATION AND CONTINGENCY
<input type="checkbox"/> We have contacted or invited all ("With whom?") noted above
<input type="checkbox"/> Participants have approved their roles
<input type="checkbox"/> If there is disagreement about how to proceed we know who makes the final decision
<input type="checkbox"/> We have contingency plans and leeway for timing

PAUSE



CREATING

Making sense (youth + adult)

We, the craftspeople, are agreed on:
<input type="checkbox"/> Why we are ritualizing this youth's coming of age
<input type="checkbox"/> What is at the HEART ♥ of the event/celebration
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth's key values, ideals or philosophy of life
<input type="checkbox"/> What kind of event? Where? When?
<input type="checkbox"/> Decisions confirmed (What, When, Where, How)
<input type="checkbox"/> If there is disagreement, we have discussed the issues
CONTENT
<input type="checkbox"/> Words that express what is at the ♥
<input type="checkbox"/> Music/gestures/symbols/objects
FORMAT
<input type="checkbox"/> Is coherent with kind of event/celebration
<input type="checkbox"/> Social gathering
<input type="checkbox"/> Reminder list
<input type="checkbox"/> If necessary, we have tested our plan

PAUSE



REALIZING

Expressing meaning

<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare setting (youth/adult/parents)
<input type="checkbox"/> Open event (youth/adult/parents)
<input type="checkbox"/> Ritualizing (Content + Format)
<input type="checkbox"/> Leadership coherent with kind of event/celebration
<input type="checkbox"/> Close formal part of event (youth/adult)
<input type="checkbox"/> Social gathering (all)
<input type="checkbox"/> Close event and clean up (youth/adult/parents/all)
DURATION OF EVENT (suggested)
Ceremony (5-15 minutes)
Social gathering (2-4 hours)

April 2016. This checklist is not intended to be comprehensive. Modifications to fit specific situations are encouraged.