



CHECKLIST FOR RITUALIZING GROWING UP AND GROWING OLD

PLANNING

First things first



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| <input type="checkbox"/> We are clear about our objectives for this event |
| We have identified: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> About whom? The person at the centre of ritualization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> By whom? Who is responsible for crafting/organizing/presiding? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> With whom? Who participates/is invited |
| <input type="checkbox"/> What? Define the occasion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> When? Determine date/time/duration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Where? Choose place/setting/venue |
| 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 (person at centre of ritual)



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| We, the craftspeople, are agreed on: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Why and how we ritualize this passage or event |
| <input type="checkbox"/> What is at the HEART ♥ of the event/celebration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The key values, ideals or philosophy of life we wish to convey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decisions confirmed (Who, What, When, Where) |
| <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



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare setting (person ritualizing transition) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open event (person ritualizing/presider) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ritualizing (Content + Format) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership coherent with kind of event/celebration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Close formal part (person ritualizing/presider) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social gathering (all) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Close event and clean up (person ritualizing/all) |
| DURATION OF EVENT (suggested) |
| Ceremony (to be determined) |
| Social gathering (2-4 hours) |

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