THE EVENT PLANNING CHECKLIST

Brainstorm
- Decide what, where, and when your event will be.
- Have leadership pose some ideas for some of the bigger organizations and events, and having people vote on them.
- Consider partnerships with committees of the Campus Y and other organizations on campus, and invite them to your next event planning meeting.

Create a Timeline of Action-Oriented Steps
- Outline what needs to get done to make your event happen. Divide your planning into smaller, action-orientied steps.
- Create a timeline based on these steps.

Delegate Tasks
- Establish specific subcommittees (e.g. Publicity, Fundraising, Evaluations, etc.)
- Delegate tasks to each subcommittee.
- Check in with subcommittees or individuals often and provide feedback.
- At committee meetings, allow time for members to share the progress they have made and ask for feedback.

Reserve a Space for the Event
- Reserve from the Student Union here.

Create a Budget
- [See Grant Writing DevDoc]

Find Sources of Funding
- Think about sustainable funding sources [See Sustainable Funding DevDoc and Relevant Grants DevDoc]

Publicize your Event
- [See Publicity and Marketing DevDoc]

Implement your Event
- Create a list of everything that needs to be ready before the day of your event
- Assign Point-People to carry out tasks on the day of the event.
  - Tasks to consider include: picking up a speaker from the airport, getting food, setting up, working with technology, and directing people towards the event if the location is unclear.

Evaluate the Event
- Meet as a group to debrief about the event
- Create a Google form - what can be improved?

Archive your Event
- [See Documentation DevDoc]

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

Thinking Realistically:
- What is the goal of your event?
- What is the issue you want your event to address?
- What resources (funding, food, people power, etc.) will you need to pull off the event?
- Have other organizations launched an event related to this issue recently?
- What other committee activities are occurring at this time?
- Who else, besides the members of your committees, do you want to involve?
- How will you measure the success of the event?

Thinking Creatively:
- How can you make your event new, exciting, and attention grabbing?
- How can you publicize your event in an innovative way?