

Cultivate to Educate
Participation Examples

1) Script:

*Sri Lankan Student Association - Educate Lanka
(Samie)*

Now, let's move to a different occurrence. In Sri Lanka, over 250,000 students drop out of high school because they cannot afford stationary, transportation, and books. Thousands of qualified students do not attend college because they cannot afford the cost.

Dr. Bambi Chapin - Educate Lanka

I would now like to introduce Dr. Bambi Chapin, a professor from the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, to speak about her experience researching Sri Lanka.

Dr. Chapin speaking. (3 - 5 minutes)

[[walk towards working group]]

Pick three people.

[[walk towards poor group]]

Pick two person.

You, you, (two from poor), one from working, represent the average student. You have had to walk a mile to the train station where you take a thirty minute train to school. Everyday you make this commute, rain or shine. When at home, as you are the eldest, you have five younger siblings to take care of. This leaves little time for you to study and, with your father becoming sick, managing school has become harder.

From two of you, you have had to drop out in order to support your family. This prevents you from ever going to college and getting a decent wage in order to help out.

May I please ask two of you to move to the poor group.

Now, for the other two of you, you are teachers.

You, luckily, have made contact with the government and non-profit organizations like Educate Lanka and are helping the education situation some. You have watched students come to school unfed and unprepared so you are dedicated to this cause. Educate Lanka has been working across the world to raise money and now a student can be funded by a donation of \$12.

You, as teachers, are making a difference and, with the government involvement, are now helping to open more schools. May I please ask the two of you to move to the wealthy group.

2) Table

The SLSA table featured information about the non-profit organization Educate Lanka and the educational disparities in Sri Lanka. We also had a cash box to collect donations for the organization.

3) Performances

Exs: Modern or cultural dance solos, original Bollywood fusion songs, spoken word, stepping, musical solos, raps, etc.

4) Character Card

Name: Dilshawn

You are a fisherman living in a coastal village of Sri Lanka, an island off the southern coast of India. Your family relies on the income you bring from fishing, a trade passed down through your family for generations. One day in December, you see the blue ocean waters acting strangely and receding from the coast. On that day your village and many coastal areas of Southern Asia were hit by a wall of water, a tsunami. You and your family were lucky and all survived the disaster, but now you are left to rebuild your lives and restore your livelihood.