

## Ideas about decoration for an EJC

It's not necessary that the decoration team is from the town or the near area of the hosted city. But that makes a lot of things easier. Than it's easier to get machines and there are no long ways for transport. Especially if the decoration team is from far away the team near the site should organise a place where they can keep stuff month or weeks before the EJC. Because a car is often not big enough for those transports it should be possible to leave things there before.

For decoration you often need a lot of people; better a team. The exchange with others is very important. In a team you have a lot of ideas, different perspectives and contacts. The whole team decides which ideas they want to realize. Of course there should be at least one idea for everybody that he really wants to realize. Consider, that are areas of the site that are frequently used like the gym, bar tent, badge control, the information and registration area. In the team the easiest is that one is the contact to the organisation team and he is responsible, that the information is spread to everybody. To involve people in the decoration you can organize workshops at the local conventions.

Decoration should have a own budget and the Decoration Team should spend it for things they want to build up. The influence of other people should be only small. The team itself decide which money will be spend for which idea. A possibility to deal with the money is, to get a fixed budget; but it should be possible to get more money for interesting and nice ideas in agreement with the organisation team

Material is the most expensive. Sometimes there are special offers for colours..... A well source for material is farming equipment. Often it's much cheaper and you get hugh sizes of material. It's another idea to collect old material like dresses...to get fabrics. Think about to use 'rubbish'. You can get a lot of interesting material for free.

It could be an idea to ask at local conventions and bourgh decoration. But don't forget to tell them that the decoration could be damaged or stolen. In my opinion a contract is not needed; but that depends on the people themselves.

In Germany it's necessary to get an permission from the town if you want to built up big sculptures or pictures..... That could be in other countries too. Check that in the local public office.

Especially for getting a lot of material for free and to use the knowledge of other people it's important to start early thinking and working at decoration. A year before would be fine.

The set up is very important, too. A lot of decoration will be done there directly before the EJC. It's important to have enough people and to have people who want to do this work. It's the best to have 4 or 5 people who take responsibility and who are able to make decisions. And as volunteers you need also people that can work with saws and other equipment. Think early about material like ladders.... and consent your requirements with the other people from the organisation.

Think of it: It's not only to make a nice decoration. It's also necessary to put a lot of nice things in the rubbish later and also the machines back to the owners.