



intergenerational

activities

Title

Children and elderly make pictures of bees

Season

All round year

Time

20 to 30 minutes

Target groups

Elderly
Children

Objectives

Mutual cooperation of group members,
acquisition and exchanging new information about the lives of bees

Resources

Colourful pictures of bees including a swarm of bees, honeycomb, a beehive, enemies of bees and a honey bee. The pictures should be cut up into 10-14 parts and each picture put into an envelope
Text with information relating to these pictures should be provided
Small white boards for writing

Description

Each group gets an envelope with one picture cut up to several parts, a linked text and one white pad. The children and seniors have the task of making the picture they have been given and then reading the text that belongs to it. One member of each group introduces the content of the text to other groups, so that everybody can learn or repeat all the basic information about the life of bees.



An example of text for the picture of the enemies of bees:

A bee has many natural enemies - such as wasps and hornets. Hornets fly in front of the hive, follow the bees and attack them, pulling them into their nests and eating them. Wasps feed upon dead bees which lie in front of hives. Sometimes they also penetrate into the colonies and then there is a struggle in which the wasp with greater mobility often wins. Colonies can be robbed so thoroughly that there sometimes only the chewed remains of combs are left. After the bees have been stabbed to death and bitten to pieces their supplies are stolen. Other big dangers for bees are viral, bacterial and parasitic infections.