

Community meal



Opportunity:

Inviting **neighbors** to have a meal together, building a community through trust and goodwill amongst those who live with you and near you.

Requirements:

- A planning group if possible (individuals, family, team, organization, ...);
- Invitations if you want to have a formal time;
- Food (could be shared by everyone or provided for everyone);
- A list of fun activities

Process:

As people arrive:

Familiar faces in a hospitality team make everyone feel at home, offering name badges, drinks/snacks and play areas for children. Try to move on quickly to the meal.

Over lunch:

Consider the logistics of seating beforehand, including service areas, family seating and seating by age. A host (MC) reduces discomfort to make it easier for people to join in the meal. You'll find a few activity ideas in the "play area" section for inspiration.

Activities after lunch:

Organize games and challenges where everyone is invited to watch or take part. Consider what kind of team would be suitable for the different games and challenges.

Watching the competition:

Some sports events and disciplines can be broadcast on the side for those who are interested in watching.

Ending the Day:

Take a moment to reflect on the neighborhood, and think together about the next steps to gather again.

Posture and Follow-Up:

Always plan with the end in view, thinking for instance :

- What are your dreams for your street or neighborhood?
- What will be the next way that you will connect with the neighbors?
- Could you set up a new way for the community to stay in touch, e.g. with a WhatsApp group?

Expect your street to be different after the party. There might be more conversations on the street, an increase in waving as people drive by or a thank you note. Be ready to pick up on these invitations for deeper connection towards conversation and eventually deeper sharings.

