Movie Night Guide

Bring people together for one of the easiest – and most fun – ways to fundraise!

Many cinemas have small theatres for private screenings, or you can book a couple of rows in a larger theatre and invite everyone you know. Throw in some snacks or a drink, and you've got a great night out! To raise funds, simply add \$15 to \$20 on top of what the cinema is charging you per person.

Step 1: Contact your local cinema and ask them about prices, availability, timing of movies

Hint: independent cinemas are focused on their local community and might offer a great reduced rate for not-for-profit fundraising

Step 2: Plan your event including date, time, movie, inclusions (e.g. popcorn, drink), ticket price – check out <u>Fundraising Resources</u> for our Event Planning Checklist

Hint: some cinemas decide only six weeks in advance what films will be playing when, so you may have five or six weeks for promotions; plan your communications in advance so you're ready to hit the ground running as soon as you choose your film, date and time

Step 3: Promote and sell tickets far and wide – visit <u>Fundraising Resources</u> to download our Event Promotions Checklist

Hint: the cinema might be able to sell tickets for you, or you can sell via <u>Humanitix</u> or <u>Trybooking</u> (these platforms allow you to sell tickets without having to pay a subscription fee, and they have reduced ticketing fees for not-for-profits^{*})

Step 4: Download the social media assets from our <u>Fundraising Resources</u> page

Hint: you can use any of the graphics provided or use our logo and design your own marketing assets; if you design your own, please send them to our <u>Fundraising team</u> for approval

Step 5: Organise a raffle, sell tickets before the event, and draw the prize winner on the night!

Hint: even a simple hamper of cheese, wine and chocolate can raise an extra \$300 or more – and the cinema might even throw in some movie tickets for your raffle

Step 6: Don't forget to say thanks to your donors and supporters

Hint: send them a thank you email, thank them on social media, or send them a handwritten card

* Information correct at the time of publication



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