

DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY

AN ONLINE BIG LUNCH

Whilst getting together in person at a Big Lunch is difficult this year, making time for one another is more important than ever.

Hosting a Big Lunch online from the comfort of your own home is a great way to join in. Inviting people to a group video call (on platforms such as Zoom, Facebook or WhatsApp) replicates the feeling of being together face-to-face and there are plenty of ways you can all have fun.

If your Big Lunch is online, here's a few things you can do.



SHARE FOOD TOGETHER

Although you may not all be able to share food in person, there are a few ways it can still be at the centre of your celebration. Make your Big Lunch a dinner date and have a meal together whilst online. You could share a list of ingredients ahead of your Big Lunch and all cook the same thing. Ask around to see if anyone has a cheap, tasty, fool-proof favourite, so all ages and abilities can join in. Or invite everyone to bring their favourite snack or sandwich to the call, and enjoy lunch together online.



HAVE FUN!

Pair people up and draw a portrait of each other by only looking at the person's face and not your paper – share your creations! Have a go at a virtual Mexican wave, sing a song, dance together, play an instrument, or wow people with a magic trick! Celebrate new skills and talents you've learnt in lockdown.



PUT UP THE DECORATIONS

Think about the background of your video and decorate the space that people will see. Hang bunting behind you or throw up any party décor you might have hidden at home. Invite everyone to wear a fun item of clothing or have a fancy-dress theme. You can even play with virtual backgrounds and video effects depending on the platform you're using.



BE PLAYFUL

Games such as Bingo, Charades and Musical Statues can still work well virtually. You could plan a quiz and invite people to host a round each, or why not plan a scavenger hunt (give people a list of items and set everyone off to find everything). If you fancy doing something a little bit different, have a happiness hunt. Invite everyone to go and find, and share, something that's helped them to be happy whilst staying at home.



WHILST IT MIGHT NOT BE QUITE THE SAME AS SEEING ONE ANOTHER IN PERSON, YOU DON'T NEED TO MISS OUT ON CATCHING UP AND HAVING FUN. AN ONLINE BIG LUNCH IS A GREAT WAY TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER AND GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER A LITTLE BIT BETTER.



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The Big Lunch takes place on the first weekend in June and is a time for people to celebrate community connections and get to know one another a little better over a cuppa and bite to eat. Join in and have fun on 6-7 June.

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