



# Speed Dating for Children Change Colombia

Speed Dating is lots of fun, a great way to meet new people and an entertaining fundraising strategy.

Many people aren't interested in running or perhaps struggle to find alternative ways to support their favourite charity. But speed dating has proven to be just the ticket! People are happy to try an evening of love and laughter, especially to help a worthwhile cause like Children Change Colombia's work.

"The Children Change Colombia speed-dating was better than I ever imagined - so much fun and very relaxed. I've been on three dates since and would recommend it to anyone, even if it's just to make new friends."  
Ana

## How it works

Upon arrival, participants are given a personalised badge with a number and a sheet to record whether or not they want to stay in touch with the people they meet. The host gives a short speech telling people what to expect.

To start dating, those with badge number one, begin at table number one. After four minutes, the host rings a bell; all the girls remain seated and the guys move to the next table. There is time in between dates to write a reminder about the person you just met and record if you want to see them again. After a number of dates, there is a bar break.

Once you've met all the daters, you hand the "further contact" sheet back to the organisers who will send an e-mail within a couple of days, telling participants if there were any matches.

## Getting Started

Organising a speed dating event is simple. The key task is recruiting participants, so start advertising the night well in advance. We recommend you gather a group of friends to help you with recruitment and to run the event on the night.

Have a look at our Organising Fundraising Events leaflet for a list of things to consider.

We advise you to book a pub's private area for the event; ask if they would donate a free drink when people arrive. Visit the place to check there is enough room for dates to move between tables.

## Tips

Give participants an indication of the number of people they will meet and the age range.

Always have information about the charity at your events and refer anyone who is particularly interested to our website.

Contact us for samples of 'further contact' sheets and other tips.

## Booking in Advance

Your event will be most successful if you have an equal number of male and female participants. So, we recommend you [create a fundraising page online](#), and ask people to sign up in advance. When people sign up they might want to remain anonymous, but you do need to know their sex so ask them to at least specify M or F when they reserve their place.

It'd also be good to persuade a friend of each sex to be available as a "back-up date".

## Tasks on the night

Arrive early to set up the room. At least a couple of people are needed to welcome the participants. During the dates, a person should be time-keeper and the rest of the team should check dates are moving to the right table.

**We'd love to hear  
how your event went  
- get in touch to let us  
know!**

To discuss how you can fundraise for Children Change Colombia, contact us on:

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