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*Welcome to*

# FUN FUND DAYS

This Fun Fund Day Pack focusses on

## SHORT SPORT



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## What is it?

### SHORT SPORT

is a great way for you to have some fun doing sports. It doesn't have to be a massive thing, it could simply be a football or a frisbee in the park.

however, it could be a massive thing... your limit is your limit, and whatever that limit is, that's GREAT!!!

## Who is is best to run for?

It is a real winner with all people, but particularly children and young people, and so can be a great way to invite pupils from your local school and their families to come and meet you, and have some fun together.

There are lots of opportunities to invite your local community friends to this event, just be careful that if you are 'mixing' adults and children in sports that the adults are very diligent in not getting too over excited and accidentally hurting children or young people!

## When can it happen?

Any time whatsoever!

It can also work really well as an 'extra' after a service event that friends are invited to, maybe included with a picnic to get others there who may not wish to engage in the sporty bit!



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## Information on how to use this pack

This pack has some pro forma media that you can amend to fill in your specific information.

If your IT skills are low, then simply print the Posters and Postcard files off and write your information into the correct place.

If your IT skills are a bit better you may wish to load the powerpoint or Canva files, and add your own relevant information, and then print them off.

If your IT skills are excellent, then feel free to use the blank pdf files as you wish!!

In this pack you will find:

### Information on how to use this pack and run the fun day

- Tips for Planing
- Tips for Promoting

### Resources

- 2 A4 posters/letters for you to market this event in your church  
(one black and white, one colour)
- Postcard sized invites (works best printed on card)
- Social media friendly banners



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## Tips for Planning

### A long time before the event.

Establish your event objectives -

What would you like to gain from this event?

Is it an outreach event, fundraiser or other?

Who should I get involved to help?

For this to run well, you need to get others around you involved. Use this planning guide to think about who could you get to do the specific jobs, there will probably be some parts of this process that make you go 'I need somebody else for that!'. It is also useful to have a church leader involved in the planning. And finally, not everyone has to be part of the church congregation (see [missionstyles.org](http://missionstyles.org))

Who is it for?

Just people in church, an 'open' event, invite only, local school children, a family event...you choose!

Date - Time - Location:

When and where is it going to happen, maybe think about the fact that if it is outside...it rains a lot in this area of the world!!

Avoid clashes with other activities and events. If you are running for a local school, don't forget to ask them if it clashes with anything in their diary!

Are you going to charge, or ask for donations? Where are the funds going to go?

We would recommend that if you invite pupils and staff from a local school, and give them part if not all of the funds raised for a project in their school. If you are unsure, then please consider giving some of the money raised to your local NISCU worker.

### Nearer the event.

Promote the event using our resources in this pack, or create your own.

Use the posters and other resources to promote the event to both your church congregation and your 'others' as decided in your objectives.

How many people are you expecting?

This will help you think about how you are going to manage the event, and if you need others to help you out!

Also, if there are lots of people there, you may need to consider how much 'kit' you need to make sure the event happens smoothly.



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### Thoughts for the day.

#### Rain!

Just give a moment to think about what happens if it rains!!

#### Consider potential risks.

Children and sports sometimes ends with a twisted ankle or so, so make sure that you have people there who are First aid trained. Maybe if you are really worried you might want to think about having a 'driver' and 'passenger' who can take someone to a local first aid centre if really required.

As always, know and follow your local church safety and safeguarding policies and procedures. If you are involving a local school community, share your thoughts on safety and ask them for their thoughts. They will know the children who are coming, and will be able to help with understanding any potential risks.

## On the day (or the night before!)

#### Get people involved!

Check that people are helping and remind them what it is they need to do.

#### Set the sports event up

You may need help in setting out games areas, putting up signs, etc...

#### Pray

Pray again for a successful event, not just the people coming, and raising money, but also for others to see something of the goodness of God in you as you have fun together.

#### Tidying up

I usually forget to ask people to help tidy up, so either I have to do it all myself (when I am tired) or run around the people left at the end and ask the to help (when they are tired). I am trying to remember to ask people before the event to help tidy up...it makes things so much easier!



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## Tips for Planning

### After the event

#### Dealing with money

Make sure you follow best practice for collecting and sharing any funds raised.

Be quick to account and distribute the monies out.

Use the poster in this resource to publicise the monies raised, and don't forget to send a copy to the school too. This can be a great opportunity for your church leader to take the poster and present it to the school in an assembly.

#### Thanking people

Also be quick to thank people in the church congregation, and others who supported the event. This can really help them to feel appreciated, and maybe help again next time!

Thank God! Don't miss this opportunity to thank God as a congregation

#### Review the event

This is something that I tend to forget! And sometimes on purpose...I am usually so tired after an event, and glad that it is over that I forget to think about what worked and what didn't. Maybe a month after the event, why not invite those who supported the event to come for a coffee and cake evening at your house to review what happened, to say a big thank you to them, and maybe to consider if should you do it again next year!

#### And if you get this far...

...A big well done to you, and to those who have helped you in showing something of the goodness of God in your community, and who knows you might have:

- worked more together appreciating each others gifts,
- prayed more together appreciating God's goodness,
- built more respected links with a local school community and its children,
- raised some finances that you can give away,
- grown in your faith in a good God

...Well done, and thank you.

ps if you have raised any funds for NISCU, they would be very welcome and would support the work in schools in your community.

To send money to us either visit:

[www.niscu.org.uk/giving](http://www.niscu.org.uk/giving), or  
call 01524 732 764.



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## Tips for Promoting

### Find people to help you organise and run the event.

This can be by far the best way to promote it at first! Read through the 'Tips on planning' in this document, and think about who you could get to 'do' each of the roles. Also don't forget to ask people to join you who are good at telling others, and inspiring them to get involved on the day!

### Promote it internally to your church as soon as you can.

Once you have the dates, and location organised use the posters to let people in your church know. There are black and white posters as well as colour ones. Maybe think about getting the kids to colour in the black and white ones in church and take home...it might get put on the fridge!!

### Promote using any online channels you have.

There are a number of images that you can use in this pack to help you promote the event. Why not have a look at them, and if you don't feel 'tekkie enough' to manipulate them, again why not get somebody to help you...this is something that a young person would be brilliant at!!

### Nearer the event print some more posters and pin around where appropriate.

About 1 month before the event, remind the church that the event is happening, and will only happen if they get involved. I find it useful to tell people from the front of church, and then go around them after the church reminding them individually that the event is happening. It can be really useful also to remind them 'why' it is happening, this can inspire people to know what the purpose is, and to get involved. You might need to refer back to your event objectives!!

Now is also the time to use the postcards to give people something in their hand either to remind them to pray for the event, or to pass on to someone else.

### Prayer works.

Why not plan a time for your church to pray about the event, either individually at home at a certain time, or together in church, on zoom, or even all three! Don't forget to involve children, young people and families in this too.

### Ask people to come along, and be there yourself!

The weeks leading up to the event, keep reminding your congregation to think about who they can invite, and for them to be there and get involved themselves. Again think of ways to remind them of the 'why' you are doing this, rather than just telling them it is happening.

### Final note:

If you are involving a local school, then find ways for them to be involved in as much as this process as possible. I sometimes have to remember, if I am doing it for somebody else, then makes sure it is something that they want, otherwise you can waste a lot of time and effort and have little involvement on the day from others.



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Resources available:

A blank A4 page with Fun Fund Days branding

A colour letter/poster for your congregation

A black and white poster for colouring in

Powerpoint slides for your church projections

A postcard to print for invitations (best to print on card)

Social Media banners

A 'thank you' poster



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Dear Church,

We are going to be running a fundraising event on

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The event is called **SHORT SPORT** and involves us having a time together where we can enjoy some sports with each other and our friends.

Tip: if you have friends who would like a certain sport, then let us know and we can do something that they might like to come to!

We will be accepting donations for the day to raise money for:

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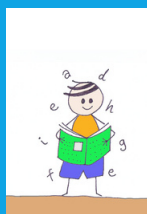
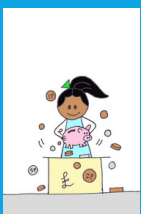
There are also some other resources that we can use!!  
If you have any questions, then speak to:

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Many thanks



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DATE: SUNDAY \_\_\_\_\_

TIME: \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_

PLAY A SHORT SPORT!  
ENJOY DONATING TO A GREAT CAUSE  
AND GET FIT TOO

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT:

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A long horizontal strip of 20 small illustrations, each depicting a different children's activity. The activities include playing tennis, reading a book, baking a cake, dancing, playing with a dog, and playing musical instruments. The illustrations are arranged in a repeating sequence of four groups of five.



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*Coming soon*

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Come and join us for a fun

'Short Sport event'



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*You are  
invited*

What is happening? We are running some fun sporty activities that would be fun for anyone, sporty or not!

When?

Where?

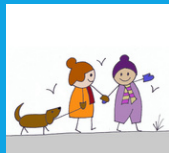
What do you need to bring? Nothing...just yourself, and if you would like to help us raise some money then bring some of that too







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WHAT IS HAPPENING?

WHEN IS IT HAPPENING?

WHERE WILL IT BE HAPPENING?

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?



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Thank You!

For helping raise

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It has been given to

Thank  
you!

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