

# Ideas to Bring Your Neighbourhood Together



## 1. Start with Simple Greetings

- Smile, wave, or say good morning to break down barriers.
- Engage in casual chats to build connections.

## 2. Use Social Media

- Create a closed Facebook or Instagram group for your street.
- Invite neighbours via letterbox drop.
- Use the group to share ideas, swap items, or offer support.

## 3. Organize Gatherings

- Housewarming Party: Host a casual potluck to introduce yourself and meet neighbours.
- Neighbourhood Potluck: Everyone brings a dish, fostering community spirit.
- Coffee Mornings: Meet at a local café or in your home.
- Kitchen Party or music jams: Host a get-together focused on music.

## 4. Join Community Events

- Participate in local events like church suppers, roadside clean-ups, or fundraisers.
- Attend local association meetings to stay informed and meet others.

## 5. Create Regular Activities

- Start a walking or running group.
- Organize game nights or movie nights.
- Host seasonal events (e.g., BBQs, holiday parties).

## 6. Leverage Local Amenities

- Frequent local shops, parks, or community centers to meet neighbours organically.
- Attend local classes or workshops that interest you.

## 7. Offer Help and Be Approachable

- Help neighbours with tasks (like yard work or groceries).
- Be open to conversations and approachable during outdoor activities.

## 8. Share Contact Information

- Exchange numbers or emails to facilitate communication and plan gatherings.
- Create a neighbourhood contact list for safety and support. (*check out our Neighbourhood Contact sheet*)

## 9. Engage with Local Clubs and Groups

- Join interest-based clubs (e.g., book clubs, sports leagues).
- Participate in volunteer opportunities to connect with like-minded neighbours.

## 10. Host Creative Events

- Organize a tasting tour or an art swap night.
- Create opportunities for children (like an Easter egg hunt or playdates).

## 11. Be Patient and Persistent

- Building relationships takes time; don't get discouraged.
- Continue making efforts, attending events, and engaging with neighbours.

## 12. Encourage Group Participation

- Create opportunities for collective activities like community clean-ups or food drives.
- Invite longtime residents to share their experiences and knowledge.

## 13. Follow Up

- After gatherings, send a message to neighbours expressing appreciation for their participation.
- Keep the conversation going to strengthen bonds.

## 14. Have Fun and Stay Engaged

- Keep the atmosphere light and enjoyable during gatherings.
- Foster a sense of belonging by continuously engaging with your community.

***By implementing these ideas, you can help cultivate a vibrant, supportive, and friendly neighbourhood where everyone feels welcome!***