



Organizing a Rich Man-Person/ Poor Man-Person event

The concept

The idea is to demonstrate what is sometimes termed *the luck of the draw*, that is that a variety of factors, over which human beings do not necessarily have control, can impact on the circumstances in which we find ourselves and what we have to cope with. In this instance the question is whether we have access to adequate food. The event also seeks to foster debate and empathy by asking the question why do some people have food and others do not?

Organising the Meal

1. Determine how many tickets you want to sell, based on the capacity of your venue
2. Check to make certain that your event conforms to the health and safety and safeguarding guidelines of your group or organisation
3. When deciding on the cost of the tickets determine the cost of venue, catering, support staff, etc. and then add a cost per ticket to go to the support of your designated charity
4. Make certain that the event is well advertised
5. Organise a team of volunteers for all roles, including: on the door, serving, and wait staff to wait on the rich, not to mention a behind the scenes team to set up, wash up and keep things on target
6. When guests arrive their entry ticket is exchanged for a meal ticket. These should be distributed randomly. One in every eight of these tickets should be designated as poor to reflect the fact that 1 in 8 people around the world lacks sufficient food. Those with poor tickets may be seated together or randomly around the tables.
7. Those who have poor tickets must go collect their food which will consist of a bowl of rice with no seasoning. Also, no cutlery is provided for those with poor tickets
8. Those who have rich tickets will be waited on. Their meal should consist of three courses. To really make the point you might want to include nice napkins and cutlery, making certain that the table is cleared between each course
9. Adding a theatrical element can be helpful in making the point
10. Begin the evening with grace
11. Let the event play out, some people may share their food, while others may not. The meal can also arouse some anger in those who have poor tickets
12. Allow some time at the end of the meal for discussion
13. It is also an idea to provide a social event after the meal, perhaps a disco or ceilidh to help promote a sense of community
14. Finish the evening with St Ignatius' Prayer for Generosity

See overleaf...

***Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous;
teach me to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to seek reward,
except that of knowing that I do your will.***

Amen.

St. Ignatius Loyola

***The World has enough for everyone's need,
but not enough for everyone's greed.***

Gandhi



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