



MAKING THE MOST OF EVENTS WEEK

YOUR MATES

Your mates are your top priority during Events Week. They are the reason we're even having an events week. As you pray and plan for events week, your first thought should be "*I want my mates to hear about Jesus this week.*" Pray **and** plan for that to happen!

- Look at the timetable with a particular friend in mind and find something they might be interested in. Specific invitations ("would you be interested in coming to this lunch time talk?") are always better than general ones ("Do you want to come to anything?").
- Plan your week so that you'll have time to spend with friends, and so you can go with them if they decide to go to something.
- If you're on a rota and your friend wants to go to something, find a way to get out of it (talk to the person organising or a CU Guest).
- Meet friends beforehand and go along with them. Maybe invite them for a meal or a drink before the meeting.
- Consider having a 'meal with a message' to kick things off. It's dead easy and a great way of starting your friends thinking (see Gareth's fool-proof planning guide!).

SOME COMMON (LAME) EXCUSES

"I don't have any friends to bring along"

Come anyway! A crowd draws a crowd, and it feels far more inviting if there are a few people at an event. Plus, you can cover for people who do have friends with them. **Be flexible** and be prepared to be 'people managed' (eg if the room gets full). **Don't** wear your CU hoody unless you're helping out – it's confusing and makes any guests stand out.

"I have too much work to do."

This may well be true, or it may be an excuse – you need to be honest with yourself. Can you do extra the weekend before or after so that you have more time during the week itself?

"I'm going to spend time praying instead."

Praying is vital – Events Week would be a waste of time without it. But God can answer prayers prayed in advance, or even after. There will be lots of opportunities to pray during the week. Maybe God will answer your prayers for your mates when you invite them to come to something...?

WHO ARE THESE RANDOMS?

We're privileged to have a group of CU Guests joining us for events week. They're giving up a week to help us out. They aren't here to do evangelism for us, but they are here to be a **support** and a **stimulus** to what we're doing. They are (at least slightly) more experienced, so ask them lots of questions. They are probably also cheekier – they don't have much to lose in talking to people. And they will look out of place – introduce them to your mates and explain why they're here, and you've already started a conversation about FREE!

FINALLY...

Remember Colossians 4v2-6: **Live for Jesus, Speak for Jesus, and pray lots.**