



Dinner Parties with a Difference

Frequently asked Questions

What are Dinner Parties with a Difference?

A Dinner Party with a Difference is a charity fundraising idea. It begins with just one person inviting 5 guests to dinner or lunch. Each of the guests is asked to make a donation to Henshaws Yorkshire and also to subsequently host their own dinner or lunch, inviting 4 guests.

These 4 guests are also asked to make a donation and to host a dinner or lunch party, inviting 3 guests. Finally, these 3 guests host a final dinner or lunch party for 2.

We have provided an explanatory diagram that helps to explain this a little more clearly

What's the suggested donation?

Our recommended donation is £15 per guest for dinner parties and £10 for lunch parties. However, your guests may feel they wish to give more.

I'd like to invite more than 5 guests, is that okay?

You can invite as many guests as you like. The recommended number of 5 for the initial party is simply to stop the chain of parties from becoming too complicated.

What do I have to cook?

It's up to you – it's your event and you can cook whatever you feel happy cooking! Some people cook a full 3-course meal with wine, cheese, coffee and chocolates, whilst other people opt for something more simple.

I would really like to take part but I can't cook! Any ideas?

To take part and to help raise money for Henshaws Yorkshire, you don't need to be the next Delia, Nigella, Jamie or Gordon! Some people prefer inviting their friends for a sandwich lunch and supporters have also hosted coffee mornings or tea parties rather than lunch or dinner.

Remember, it's meant to be fun, not a culinary challenge!

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How will Henshaws Yorkshire support me?

When you agree to host a dinner or lunch party on our behalf, Henshaws Yorkshire will send you a DVD which shows our range of services. You can show this to your guests so they know that their donation and time is being given to a very worthwhile local cause.

We have also included some information on some of the people who currently use our services and how they have benefited from them - just one of many lives we have changed!

Invitations and a menu template for you to complete are also available for you to use, if you would like to. You can print these directly from our website www.henshaws.org.uk or you can call us on **01423 814500** to ask us to send them to you.

What do I do once I've hosted my party?

It's very simple. There's a form for you to complete and return to us. It asks for the names and contact details of your guests who will be hosting the subsequent lunches or dinners. Send it back to us along with the money you and your guests raised at your party.

You may be aware that for every £1 donated, we can claim another 28p from the Inland Revenue, at no cost to you. If you are a UK taxpayer, we would be very grateful if you would consider completing the Gift Aid declaration form.

What will the money I raise be used for?

In Yorkshire it costs more than £7 million a year to run our local services. We desperately need funding to continue providing our superb services that really do make a difference to people's lives.

Just 60% of our income comes from educational funding. This supports students through college but without donations we would be unable to offer the full range of leisure facilities we have on campus or the high standard of accommodation and there would be few extracurricular activities for students to enjoy.

The Arts & Crafts Centre, along with our community housing, our vision support service and our children's services all require fundraised income and receive no central funding. All these services rely upon your donations to keep going.

How do I find out more about Henshaws Yorkshire?

Please call us on **01423 814500** – we will answer all your questions and give you lots more information. You are also welcome to visit us, both at Henshaws College and at the Arts and Crafts Centre, where you can experience first hand what we do and meet those we work alongside.

THANK YOU and please let us know how you get on. Great quotes and funny anecdotes are very welcome.