

Best Practices

Neighbourhood day

The Neighbors' Day is a celebration of French origin whose aim is to enable neighbors to get together in a convivial atmosphere, to break the isolation that is becoming more and more widespread in towns and villages, and to try to create a sense of belonging to one's locality.

In general, the event is organized by the neighbors themselves, with the municipality relaying the information and providing logistical support (traffic barriers, advertising banners, benches and beer tables, etc.).

Objectives

- Promote social cohesion, conviviality and solidarity in the neighborhood or village.
- Promote a sense of community in your neighborhood.
- Create a sense of belonging in your community.



Methods

Method 1: National Neighbours' Day

1. Join the “Association des solidarités de proximité” – ALSP call to organize a day.
2. Use communication tools to motivate your residents to take part in the event (flyers, posters, sharing posts on social networks, badges, etc.).
3. Distribute gadgets, invitations, etc. (provided by ASLP) to residents who wish to participate.
4. Provide logistical equipment: traffic barriers, advertising tarpaulins, benches and tables, etc...

In this case, it's up to the neighbors to organize a neighbors' party on their own initiative. The municipality's role is to promote the event and provide the necessary equipment.

Method 2: Organize a party outside national Neighbours' Day.

A Neighbors' Day can, for example, be organized to mark the completion of a new district. In this case, the municipality can :

1. Set a date
2. Invite the new residents of the district (you can take advantage of the ALSP's invitation cards and their gadgets, etc.).
3. Provide logistical equipment: traffic barriers, advertising tarpaulins, benches and tables, etc...
4. Let the neighbors celebrate together

In this case, it's the municipality that takes the initiative in organizing the party, to encourage people to live together in newly-built districts.

Budget

0 - 500 €

Materials

Equipment: traffic barriers, tarpaulins, benches and tables.

Locations: in the courtyard, entrance hall, garden or apartment, public square, park or street.



Periodicity

- Once a year (the official Neighbours' Day).
- During a well-defined period.
- During the completion of a new district.

Evaluation indicators

One need to focus on the exchanges and interpersonal relationships to know whether the people who showed up had a good time.

Quantitative indicators tell you nothing about the success of a Neighbours' Day.

Practical advice - DO's

- Support citizens in organizing their "Neighbors' Day". (Provide invitations, flyers, posters, advertising banners, benches and tables, barriers to close off and secure the street, etc.).
- Organize neighborhood parties when new districts are being builded.

Practical advice - DONT's

- Don't think that a Neighbors' Day can only be organized once a year.
- Don't organize a large event and think it can replace a Neighbours' Day.
- Don't put up with your neighbors' parties.

Contact person/Possible partners

Association luxembourgeoise des solidarités de proximité – [ALSP](mailto:contact@nopeschfest.lu) : contact@nopeschfest.lu

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