

Coffee Morning Afternoon Tea

The idea!

We all know how popular cupcakes and coffee shops have become! This is a great way to bring people together for a couple of hours in a morning or an afternoon over some hot scones and tea.

Has it been done before?

Yes coffee mornings have been done in many different settings and work well in bringing people together informally. Schools and public spaces are great places to hold a coffee morning / afternoon tea. Recently an Afternoon Tea Party was held in Birmingham City with a 1950's theme, people were encouraged to dress in the fashion of the day. The afternoon was a mighty success, cakes and cups of tea were passed around, the entertainment got everyone laughing and the real prize was the money raised for charity. If you want to organise a coffee morning or a tea party this could be your chance.

Get the word out around your neighbourhood and if you're feeling adventurous you could even ask friends to make cakes / snacks from different places across the United Kingdom and beyond.



Tips

- A simple quiz and prizes are worth considering depending on your budget
- Coffee is known to have been invented by Arab Muslims many years ago and the concept of a 'coffee shop' was too. Most people won't know that but would be fascinated by the fact! (See www.1001inventions.com)
- Get in touch with local food shops for donations and why not make it Fairtrade (www.fairtrade.org.uk)... you may be able to negotiate some freebies

About Islam Awareness Week

We initiated national Islam Awareness Week in 1994, to raise awareness and remove misconceptions surrounding Britain's second largest faith group. IAW is an opportunity for all of us, to come together and address the threats posed by misunderstanding.

During the week, communities throughout the country volunteer their time to organise a range of events aimed at opening dialogue, developing contact between different people and celebrating art and culture. With thousands of events having taken place over the years, we believe IAW has been influential, and has made an important contribution to community relations. It is about bringing people together to build bridges and break down barriers that are all too common in our communities.

See our website for more activities and ideas that you may like to get involved with for Islam Awareness Week

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