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What is the primary focus of a House Concert?

Our hope is for every House Concert to be an enjoyable time for the host, guests, and Compassion Artist—a time when people are inspired by the music and stories which are shared. It is a time for the artist to share their journey with Compassion before asking attendees if they would like to sponsor a child. It is always wonderful when children are sponsored through Compassion, especially when we think of the great joy and celebration that occurs in the homes of these children when they receive the news they have been sponsored. However, we realise not everyone is able to sponsor, and that's okay. We hope all attendees will be inspired to take opportunities to do something good.

Are you able to ticket the House Concert event and make it compulsory for people attending to pay?

If these events are ticketed and payment is required and enforced, there are some implications for the host:

- 1) You will be required to pay tax on the income as you will be deemed to be running a business, and as such will be liable to pay tax on the income received.
- 2) Your home or House Concert venue is deemed to be a commercial venue which has additional insurance implications for you.

Does the donation go to Compassion?

While House Concerts aren't ticketed events, we recommend asking people to make a donation on the night to help support the Compassion Artist. If your guests want to give a donation to support Compassion, we suggest they give to one of our Critical Needs. By doing this, they are able to give to an area they are passionate about. We can provide a tax receipt for any donations over \$2. There will also be the opportunity for attendees to sponsor children. The Compassion Artist will be able to facilitate this on the night.

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Who decides the suggested donation amount? How is the money allocated?

The host will work together with the Compassion Artist performing at your House Concert to decide the amount they would ask to cover their expenses and time. The donation is to go to the Compassion Artist and is not to be used by the host to purchase food or decorations for the House Concert. If you would like to have some of your costs cover, you are able to add an additional amount onto the suggested donation to keep for this purpose.

Where should the money go once it has been collected?

Any money collected for the Compassion Artist should be given to them on the night of the House Concert. The Compassion Artist will be responsible for managing any donations to Compassion and any children sponsored at the House Concert. This also means there is no additional administrative work for you to do after your House Concert—the Compassion Artist will take care of that for you!

Do I get to choose which Compassion Artist performs?

In some areas, there are multiple Compassion Artists for you to choose from. In others, there may only be one. However, all of our Compassion Artists are great musicians and communicators and we are confident you and your guests will enjoy seeing them in a small intimate environment. We will send you some information on the artists in your area with links to their music. We will make sure we do this at the beginning of the process to make sure you are comfortable with the Compassion Artists that will performing at your House Concert.

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What happens if there is no Compassion Artist in my area?

If there are no local Compassion Artists in your area, we will take down your details and see if one of our Compassion Artists can do a House Concert event with you when they are next in your area.

I have a friend that is a musician, can I arrange a House Concert for Compassion with them?

We are always looking for new musicians who want to support the work of Compassion and to see more children released from poverty in Jesus' name to come on board as a Compassion Artist. If they are keen to support us, we would love to connect with them. Please ask them to email HouseConcerts@Compassion.com.au and we'll get in touch.

As Compassion is a Christian organisation, will there be any degree of Christian influence running through the night? Is this event aimed at Christians, non-Christians, or neither?

Our Christian faith unites us, inspires us, and prompts us to reach out to children living in poverty in partnership with local churches in more than 26 developing nations around the world. Compassion Australia is an inter-church, non-denominational, evangelical Christian organisation. All Compassion Artists share the same values we do. Each artist will be sensitive to the situation and audience, and will work in with the host to ensure none of the guests feel uncomfortable about anything said or sung on the night. Our artists hope their music and stories would be encouraging to people attending and would point towards hope. It is up to your discretion as the host whether or not you invite Christians, non-Christians, or a combination of the two to your House Concert.

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be inspired

I'm not too sure how to set up a Facebook event, can you help me?

Sure! We can supply you with a step by step guide to setting up a Facebook event. Please know this is not a requirement—you can track your RSVP's however you like, whether on a sheet of paper, in a notebook, or on your computer or phone.