Club Event Planning Introduction

Planning events well is a crucial part of any club. Not only because it might be the main way you connect with the public, but because as a big and stressful project it could either bring your team together or pull it apart.

Because event planning is such a big topic, there is already a lot out there, Additionally, I already cover how to make action plans and promote your club in other sections of this course, so in this section we will learn:

- 1. How to **set objectives** for your event that offer you real guidance
- 2. How to **brainstorm event ideas** that engage your members and stand out from the crowd
- 3. How to **choose a date, location, and speaker/performer** in the least frustrating way possible that avoids endless back and forth

For general advice on event planning see the resources linked below.

Event Planning Resources

Organise an Event-WikiHow
Write an Event Report-WikiHow
Create a Successful Networking Event-WikiHow

Club-Specific Resources

- General: Checklist for a Successful event-MacEwan University
- **General**: Event Plan Form-Conestoga College (scroll down to club forms and resources)
- Sustainability: Sustainable Event Planning-Dalhousie University*
- Accessibility: Accessibility Checklist-McMaster University
- Risk Management: Event Planning Guide (safety focus)-University of Saskatchewan
- Evaluation: <u>Event Reflection Form</u>-Conestoga College (scroll down to club forms and resources)

NOTE: Some resources may be specific to Dalhousie but be sure to check if your school has a sustainability office.