

Development and Peace Live Auction!

What you need:

- organizing group
- venue
- an auctioneer (could be one person or have each item auctioned by the person who brought it)
- a treasurer

How it's done:

1. Participants are invited to bring one or more items for auctioning – they can be new or used
2. Set up the room such that all items are displayed nicely on tables where guests can preview the items and see them during the auction (allow time for all guests to see the items prior to bidding), with guests seating in rows with good view of the auction area.
3. The auctioneer randomly picks an item and begins bidding. The item should be 'talked up' to generate interest and competition in the bidding.
4. The auctioneer should feel free to ask the person who brought the item to offer some input as to the value of the item.
5. It is helpful to alternate between obviously cheaper and more expensive items.
6. Decide beforehand who will be the treasurer and how money will be collected. The treasurer should note each item, what it was sold for and track payment for each. It is good to have one person responsible for this task as the evening can get quite hectic with the bidding and buying.

Tip:

You can make the auction even more fun by combining it with a pot-luck dinner!