

Join Us and Join In!

The Big Idea

This game is to help you think about the resources you have (or can access) within your group that you might use to transform the churches and communities we work with - or to transform Mothers' Union in your local area.

Key steps

1. Print off the Big Idea card sheets and cut into individual cards. Put all the cards into a large bag.
2. Divide your group into small groups of three to five people and ask each group to pick three cards (without looking!) from the bag.
3. Explain they have ten minutes to discuss what they could do with the resources on the three cards to engage with a Mothers' Union project, or to develop your Mothers' Union group.
4. After the discussion, explain they have a further two minutes to prepare how they are going to present their idea to the rest of the group using all the cards they have selected.
5. A nominated person from each group then presents their idea.
6. After the presentation, the other groups can comment and add further suggestions.
7. Repeat this process two more times.
8. Get the group to reflect on how they found the activity and what they noticed about their discussions and ideas (often people become more creative with each round).

Taking this further

The resources on the cards are very random – and it is extremely unlikely that a Mothers' Union group would have access to all these disparate resources. But what resources do you have access to? From individual skills, to community space, to things members have stored in their loft....

Think about the range of skills and assets you have within your group to encourage others to Join Us and Join In! Create a list – either on a flip chart sheet or using post it notes.

Which of these are you currently using? Are you using these to best effect?

- How might you use those skills and assets you aren't using for the benefit of Mothers' Union, your local church or your local community?
- In the same way try to list out the needs there are in your area. Who is vulnerable? Which groups are marginalised? How are we involved with them?

With God nothing is impossible: Join Us and Join In!

- Are there groups that are in need that we could start to connect with?

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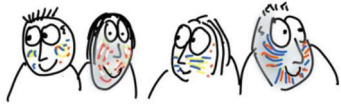
You may want to engage with this activity at two meetings – playing the game first and then reflecting on the questions in the ‘Taking this further’ section at another meeting.

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Big Idea Cards

<p>Use of bingo hall</p>  <p>One night every two weeks</p>	<p>Gloss paint</p>  <p>20 x 2.5 litre cans – various colours</p>	<p>16 seater minibus</p>  <p>Free use once a week</p>
<p>Hairdresser</p>  <p>One evening a week – free hair cuts</p>	<p>Portable pizza oven</p>  <p></p>	<p>10 fancy dress costumes</p>  <p>Various animals</p>
<p>4 large gazebos</p>  <p></p>	<p>6 barbecues</p>  <p></p>	<p>4 new laptops and a printer</p>  <p></p>

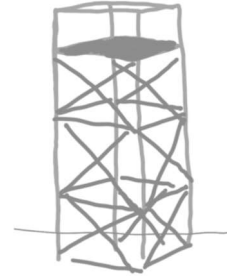
**Enough face paint
for 50 people**



20 Hawaiian shirts



**50 ft
scaffold tower**



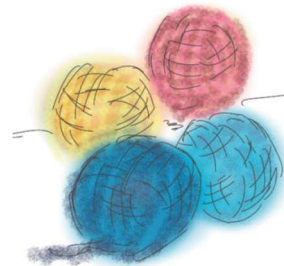
**2 outdoor gas
heaters**



**35 spray cans of
graffiti paints**



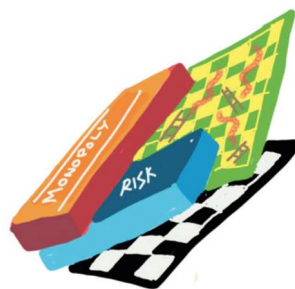
50 balls of wool



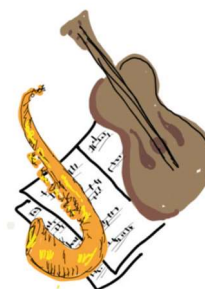
**2 outdoor fire pits
and ½ ton of wood**



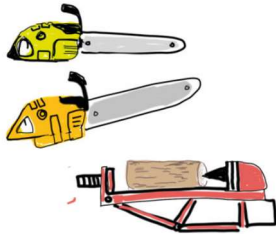
10 board games



**Retired music
teacher**



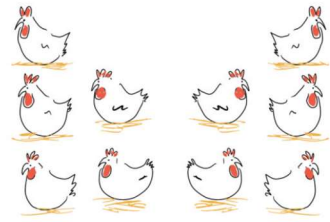
**2 chainsaws and a
log splitter**



2 students



10 chickens



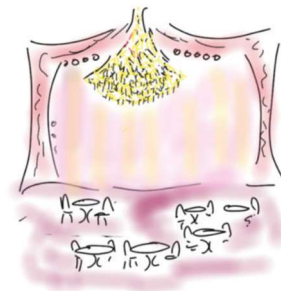
**Mobile street
food van**



50 altar candles



**Free use of a hotel
ballroom**



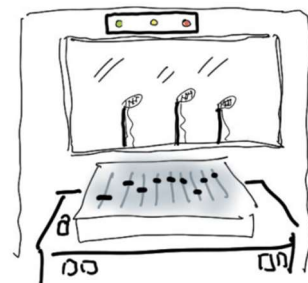
**5 ex-Post Office
bikes**



3 volunteers



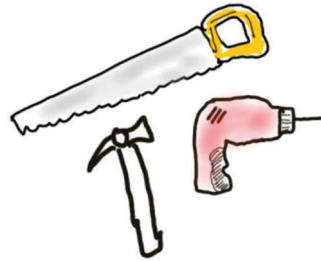
**Access to a
recording studio**



Chocolate fountain



Carpenter



17 wicker baskets



Free use of football pitch and clubhouse



£2000 grant for work with elderly people



Juggler



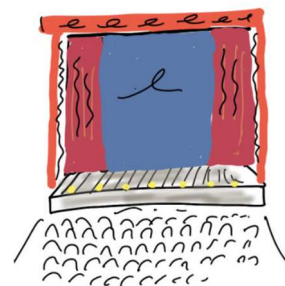
Free empty shop



Bouncy castle



Free use of a school theatre



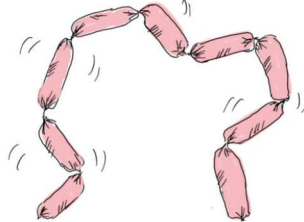
Twice a year

<p>Smoothie maker</p> 	<p>A contestant from The Great British Bake Off</p> 	<p>First Aider</p> 
<p>£500</p> 	<p>Yurt for 25 people</p> 	<p>Tattoo artist</p> 
<p>Free pitch for a market stall</p> 	<p>Use of grand piano</p> 	<p>5 piece dance band</p> 

30 hula hoops



100 gourmet sausages



Physiotherapist



Use of 4 cross trainers



Salsa dance teacher



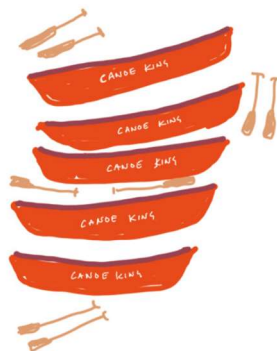
Use of back bar in local pub



Stand-up comedian



5 canoes



Retired solicitor

