

# 5 Steps

to

kick-starting

engagement

## 1. Structured fun

Setting up a committee, spread the workload and boost participation and collaboration. Be clear about what you are (and aren't) going to do.

To help you get started, we've case studies and a Social Committee template on the Culture & Engagement site.

## 2. Start small, review, scale up

Don't start out with a massive end-of-year event. Start small, start local. This gives the social committee the opportunity to identify any problems and iron them out before scaling up to something bigger.

## 3. Keep it on the clock

Your events and activities will be more successful if people don't have to take time out of their personal life to enjoy them.

Start off with small daytime events, at least initially. Don't forget to keep policies like "core meeting hours" in mind when planning (09:30-16:00). Find out more on the Culture & Engagement site.

## 4. Cheap and cheery fun

No budget? No problem! Here are some ideas to get you started.

- Bake off
- Recognition event
- Lunchtime quiz
- Build community with guest speakers from around UCD
- Quarterly updates
- Lunch time walks
- Meet for coffee
- Pumpkin carving
- Pancake breakfast
- Get out of the office. Move team meetings to a new building

## 5. No need to reinvent the wheel

There is already lots going on. Why not join an existing event?

- Enter a team in the RÁS UCD (5K)
- Get involved in Volunteering together
- Enter teams in the UCD Step Challenge or another Healthy UCD activity
- Join the UCD Community Choir