

# Recipe for a brilliant TLTea Party!



A TLTea Party is a way of sharing all you have learned at the Teaching and Learning Takeover Conference. Tea parties are a way of continuing to spread TLT's ethos: teach, share and collaborate, once the day has finished. The tea parties should be simple to run and accessible to all.

TLTea parties don't have to be large onerous projects; they can be any size you wish. A TLTea party can be a small group gathering after school, a workshop at an inset day or a lunchtime session. You may even wish to run a larger event after school or at the weekend.

## Ingredients of a successful TLTea Party:

- Buckets of enthusiasm
- One or more attendees from TLT14 on October 18<sup>th</sup> 2014
- Resources from the day – your notes, blog posts, photographs, ideas and opinions, the TLT eBook
- A list of topics to discuss based on the TLT categories. At TLT we focus on the basics of great teaching so you can choose from: **Planning, Questioning, Feedback, Leadership, Literacy, Challenge and Differentiation, Progress and Assessment.**
- A group of enthusiastic participants.
- Cups of tea or a drink disguised as tea.
- Cake or snacks of your choice!

If your Tea Party is a few weeks (or even months) after TLT14, you will probably wish to ask those who went to TLT13 or TLT14 how they implemented ideas and thoughts from the day and whether they were successful.

We would love to know how your tea party goes. Let us know by using the #TLTea or by emailing us at [info@edssential.com](mailto:info@edssential.com)

## Method:

- Invite your participants – advertise within school or invite your friends
- Find a location – staff room, a local café, your house! Perhaps even download the #TLTea bunting from the website: <http://edssential.co.uk/events/>
- Gather your supplies – tea, coffee, cake and snacks to keep brains whirring. Perhaps your school would be happy to help out or everyone could contribute a small amount towards the event?

- Set a date and time to meet. Ask everyone to bring a mug!
- Decide on your format – will it be a formal event where each person stands up to talk? Will it be an informal chat and sharing of resources?
- Dependent on your format inform your guests who will be sharing ideas or ask everyone to bring a small strategy or ideas they could talk about based on the topics from TLT.
- We insist on one thing and one thing only: ensure your guests **Collaborate**. Unlike a more traditional teachmeet where the emphasis is on sharing very quickly, we want people to really **discuss** each item presented or talked about. The TLT moto is **teach: share: collaborate** and this applies firmly to all TLTea Parties. Please build in time to talk about each item on your list – this could be in break out groups for each topic or just a Q&A after each person has spoken or at the pub afterwards!
- Let us know your plans! Use the #TLTea to keep in touch, send us pictures, thoughts and feedback on your tea parties and spread the word.
- Sit back and enjoy – TLTea Parties should be fun for all – even the organisers!

We hope that you continue to Teach: Share: Collaborate and REPEAT!

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