GIRLS' MOVIE NIGHT, PLANNER



Thank you for hosting a film screening with your girlfriends

Gathering together to enjoy and discuss your movie of choice isn't just a bit of light entertainment for you and your friends.

You're helping all women facing cancer by raising funds through Girls' Night In, and that's wonderful. So let's get this film rolling!

Movie ideas

You might already have a special film or TV show in mind that your girlfriends would love. In case not, here are some ideas for movies that feature or celebrate women. Some are available on popular streaming services at the moment:

- Bridesmaids
- Becoming
- The Colour Purple
- Clueless
- Frida

- Thelma and Louise
- Little Women
- Hidden Figures
- Erin Brokovich
- Bridget Jones's Diary

Steps for a successful movie screening

Once you've chosen your film, there are a few more things to sort out and let your guests know about.

Decide how you'll watch your movie

Plan ahead for how you'll bring your movie night to life. If the restrictions in place on the date of your movie night allow, you could invite your guests to your place. If not, we have some ideas for how to watch your movie together while staying apart.

Netflix party – If you decide to watch a film on Netflix, the Netflix Party extension allows you and your friends to watch a movie at the same time. You will each need a Netflix account, and will need to stream the movie from your laptop or computer.

We recommend you try out the functionality with one or two of your friends before the night to make sure you know how to use it. Find out more at netflixparty.com Watch and chat – If you'd prefer to use your TV or have chosen a movie outside Netflix, simply set up a group chat together (on an app like Messenger or WhatsApp) and ask each host to press 'play' at the same time.

Keep the chat open during the movie so you can share some live commentary, laughs and even tears while the movie is rolling!

Book club style – Are your guests busy, or do you find it hard getting everyone together at once? Set some movie homework for your girlfriends and arrange a debriefing session via Zoom or another video call platform.

You could prepare some questions to ask your guests to keep the conversation going, or even put together a little pop quiz about the film to make things interesting!

Set the scene

Whether you're getting together physically or virtually for your movie screening, here are some fun ideas to make the night extra special.

In the days or weeks leading up to your night in, build some excitement amongst your friends:

Get the popcorn ready! Remind your guests to have movie-appropriate snacks at the ready. If they're coming to your place, ask them to bring something along to share.

Dress for the occasion. Have some fun with your friends by asking them to dress up. You could choose a colour or ask them to get into the spirit of the film.

For example, if you watch *Thelma and Louise*, you could ask friends to pull out their tartan and oversized denim and come dressed in 90s attire!

Watch the life-saving donations roll in

Many of your guests will have saved on the price of a movie ticket or two since Stay At Home restrictions were introduced in Victoria.

When you invite the girls to your movie night, ask them to contribute the cost of a usual outing to the cinema as admittance to your screening. Make sure to link them to your fundraising page – it's the easiest and safest way for them to donate – plus you can update it with details about the event.

Don't forget to have fun! You're having a life-changing impact on so many women affected by cancer and those around them – and that's worth celebrating.

