

Activity Guide

Where ideas *grow*... and *great events* come to life



Potting Shed
Events



Out & About with Potting Shed Events

Fresh air and exploring... this combination is great for all types of teams. Whether you are a competitive team or just want to have time to explore the area you are visiting for your event, these options offer a great variety of leg (and brain) stretches.

Treasure Trails

Cryptic clues, map references, photo mysteries and more are combined to make our bespoke paper-based trails. With each one written specific to your group, you can explore a local town on foot, a city using a variety of transport or even out into the country using hired transport. Whether on foot, bike, train or car the pace and clues will mean you need to work as a team to find the treasure first!

Manhunt

Map orienteering, police search techniques, stake outs and understanding geographical markers are all skills that our experts will take you through before you set off on your very own manhunt. Which team will be able to pull their knowledge together and find the target first? Will they spot all the clues or walk right into our dummy trap? Fascinating and fun, this event suits the most competitive of groups.

Estate Escapes

You are having your event in a beautiful location, you have spent most of your days inside the conference and meeting rooms and you want to give your group the chance to get out and explore the wonderful grounds. Our escapes are really a 'walk with purpose' and work well for groups or individuals. They are sure to spot a few unexpected surprises during their exploration.

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Make & Do with Potting Shed Events

Use your time to learn a new skill or hone an existing talent and take home something at the end of it. Our expert craft leaders will ensure that everyone completes the task and has something to be proud of at the end of the event. The workshops offer an escape from the meeting room and the time to relax and be creative.

Book Binding

The art of book binding by hand has been overtaken with the use of industrial machines. There is a precision to this workshop that requires concentration but the results are stunning. Make your own notebook or even learn how to bind your very first novel.

Terrarium

A beautiful object, a living piece of art and a skill to create... the terrarium workshops are always popular with guests making their very own miniature gardens within the glass frames. Learn not only how to create it but how to maintain and care for your table top garden with our green fingered experts.

Bird and Bug Houses

A woven willow bird house or the creation of your own bug hotel. Looking after our natural environment is something we all need to play our part in. Your creations will not only look great in your garden or on your balcony but you will have the excitement of the coming seasons as your new 'guests' take residence.

Pottery Throw Down

The only competitive workshop in our selection – although it does not have to be – this pottery session explores the use of hand crafted pots as well as getting a turn on our potters wheel. Not only do the results amaze our guests but the joy of receiving your creation through the post a few days after, keeps the legacy of the event alive and is sure to be a talking point in the office.

Candle Making

Beeswax or soy wax, candles are used all over the world to create peaceful environments. Once you have made your own, you will appreciate the simplicity, joy and fascination that comes with creating a scent, choosing your colours and understanding the burn time to maximise your candle's life. Calming and soothing, this workshop is a great antidote to fast paced meetings.

Wreath Making

Whether you want to make one for the festive season or just because they are so beautiful, making a wreath is a wonderful way to uncover and express your creativity. Our local experts bring with them a wide range of foliage and guests can choose the traditional route or explore a modern twist on this classic.

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Food & Drink with Potting Shed Events

Enjoying food and drink shared with your team is one of the most sociable activities on offer. As humans we have been creating and sharing sustenance since time began and it allows even the most diverse group to meet on common ground. We can offer options for all tastes and requirements including dietary restrictions and religious exclusions.

Wine Challenge

Do you know your new world from your old? Can you spot the odd one out among our sparkling options? Whether a wine connoisseur or a complete novice, you are guaranteed to learn something new in our challenge. We include a few twists and turns to keep everyone guessing but it is always a lot of fun.

Cocktail Masterclass

With more and more people enjoying the resurgence of cocktails, this masterclass will teach you how to astound your friends and family at your next gathering. Tips, tricks and expert hints to create beautiful and delicious drinks.

Master Cake Creations

Channel your inner baker and get creative by tasking teams to create a showstopper from our never-ending table of ingredients. All the fun of a show stopping creation without the stress of the actual bake – what will the teams create and who will take the Cake Master apron home?

Chocolate Challenge

Did you know that there are officially four kinds of chocolate? Most people can get the first three (white, milk and dark) but the fourth is a newly discovered pink chocolate. Our chocolatiers know all about this and more including how to really taste chocolate and what flavour profiles blend well. Have a wonderful time making your own box of chocolates and decorating it to take home. What a treat!

Festive Specials

Certain times of the year are so closely connected with food that we could not resist putting a few down here for you to try – Mince Pies, Easter Eggs, Sugar craft for cake decoration and of course an array of summer and winter drinks. We are happy to create any event around any theme.

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Team Work with Potting Shed Events

You have your team together so this is a great opportunity to take a break from the meeting room and just tackle something a little different. These events are designed to suit groups both large and small and work with indoor and outdoor space.

Codebreaker

Each team has a series of codes to break as they make their way around their team board. Physical, mental, creative and speed challenges are all included and each successful challenge reveals a little more of the final code. The finale between all the teams is a race against the clock ... who will break the code and emerge victorious?

Animation Creation

Using our range of mini figures and props, teams create their very own sets, backdrops, scripts and then film and produce a mini animation. Themes can be business related, location specific or just completely free-range thinking. Guaranteed fun results and your very own screening and Oscar ceremony completes the event.

To be Continued...

Each team must play their part in this sequencing team game. No section is complete until the very last rotation. Will everyone have played their part so the mission is finally complete?

Linking the Chain

Each team forms a critical part of the chain and if the chain breaks, then you will drop the ball. Sounds super simple but the links of the chain need to be created, the chain constantly flexes and turns and everyone needs to play their part to ensure that the group succeeds.

101 Challenges

101 challenges in 90 minutes ... what could be easier? Right? Well, these challenges look easy but with speed, concentration and team work required to stand a chance of completing them the teams get increasingly competitive as the minutes tick by. Which is the best all round team, and will they win?



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YOUprints Pocket Profiling

Unlock the key to high performing teams with YOUprints (not blueprints!) profiling. Understand your individual and team dynamics, through behaviours and preferences which will unleash the differences in your team to drive high performance.

What it is

A light touch, yet engaging and insightful, session where we explore how words are an expression of our inner thoughts, complex cognitive processes and personality preferences. You'll get outcomes whilst taking a break from the day to day.

Cat, our facilitator is the creator of the YOUprint system. Her background is in criminal intelligence analysis and profiling.

How it works

Prior to arrival our facilitator randomly allocates cards to be used for a variety of exercises, dependent on session time, which provide insights at individual and team level.

Alternatively you could try an individual YOUprint session (1 or 2 hours) deep-diving into preferences, behaviours and leadership style as well as identifying any unproductive elements that hold you back.

Or for small groups of 3 to 20 we can explore both individual and team dynamics over 3 hours. This session is suitable for existing teams, as part of an induction programme for a new team or for individuals who don't work together.

How it helps

Ensure you recruit the best fit for your organisation. Avoid the 'we are the same' mould and hire for strengths and attitude as well as skills.

Easily identify a gap in your existing team and fill it with the right person. Get the right people on the 'bus and into the right seats' and collaborate efficiently.

Understand how to build a balanced 'A-player' team by establishing who the players are and more importantly, their innate motivations.

Understand your individual CEO leadership style and how you can get the best out of your people.

The benefits

Create efficient teams.

Bring together teams that value and understand differences in order to be even more creative and innovative.

Focus on individual strengths and contributions.

Build on emotional intelligence through deeper self-reflection and understanding.

Increase understanding of co-workers and team members.

Identify talent and match the task or role more effectively.

Accommodate differences and preferences to get more done.

Avoid a 'we are all the same' team which can create blockers.

Identify the language and preferences of others in your team and communicate more effectively.

Gain self-awareness of leadership style and potential blockers

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