How to host a virtual desert island discs for East London Cares

Choose your tech



We recommend ZOOM - it is easy to set up, and you can have as many people join as you like!

Set up a fundraising page

This how you can get people to donate. Set a recommended entry price (£5-£10 per person is a good starting point) This money is going towards helping East London Cares to keep older neighbours connected from afar, including our new **Virtual Social Clubs.** These include quizzes, chair yoga and desert island discs!

Peter, 83 said "It was a real breakthrough wasn't it!

Load up your soundtrack

Encourage participants to message you their song choices, and load them up on Spotify or youtube. Having a theme like 'holidays' or 'childhood' is a great prompt.



Get your Kirsty Young on!

Start by welcoming your participants to today's episode of desert island discs, and letting everyone know how much has been raised so far! You could even set a target to try and reach before the end of the episode.

Now the fun begins - as the host, you will be selecting songs at random, and asking people to share a story about why they chose that particular song.

You all worked wonders!! (and even overcame my laptop incompetence) It's a brilliant idea and now I'm looking forward to maybe trying other virtual meetings."



Now you can play their track and everyone gets a chance to dance!

You could even go one step further and ask everyone to bring a book and a luxury item with them to share with the audience.



Set a target

£50 will help us set up one neighbour on Zoom



£150 will support us to deliver a Virtual Social Club to up to 25 older and younger neighbours

£350 will help train volunteers to deliver new and exciting Virtual Social Clubs

Get creative

This is not just any desert island discs - this is a virtual fundraiser! You, as the host, and all contestants should be encouraged to be as creative as possible.

How can you turn your living room into a desert island?

Who has the best virtual background? How sunburnt would you be?

