

HOST FOR HOPE HOSTING TIPS



Tim Lovejoy, host of Channel 4's Sunday Brunch, has kindly shared his hosting tips to ensure your **Host for Hope** event is a roaring success.



I think the best way to host is to use the tried and tested **T.I.M.** Method.

HOSTING TIPS FROM TIM LOVEJOY

T - Timing

Pre cook anything you can prior to guests arrival. Make sure food is ready to go no later than 1 hour after they arrive. Try not to cook something that means you spend all night in the kitchen away from your guests as that's no fun.

I - Imagination

A bag of Doritos and a jar of dip will not put you on the hosting map. Remember the evening is about your guests leaving thinking they've had a great time and you're the host with the most... Be imaginative and do something exciting. Theme the pre meal snacks. Buy in some unusual drinks. Most importantly make sure the lighting sets the mood and the music fits the menu.

M - Management

Great hosting doesn't just happen, it has to be managed. I personally like to delegate jobs off to my guests. This not only makes them feel at home and involved in the evening, but it also means less work for me. They say many hands make light work and that's especially true when it comes to washing up. Wait for the "can I help" offer and respond with "yes please, you can wash up as I don't really like doing that".

Anyway, that is the T.I.M. Method.

Yours in hosting, Tim

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