

# The Dartmouth Plan: A Micro Murder for Smaller Groups

For very small groups, with ten or less people, **THEY improv** has come up with a special murder mystery that takes into account the intimacy and small budgets of very small parties. This event is our Dartmouth Plan.

For parties of four to ten, everyone from your group is a suspect in the mystery. In a round-robin format, everyone from your group talks to everyone else from your group. This is done either one-on-one or in groups of two or three. They take turns asking each other questions and it leads to the people in the group determining the murder with the assistance of our facilitator.

Our host gathers everyone around and explains that there has been a murder. Each person in the room is a suspect and everyone will work to try to solve the case. Each will be assigned a character and will be given information that they know about the other suspects. After given a few minutes to review the information, the suspects will be shown how they will be aligned to speak with one another so that they will all get a chance to interrogate each of the others. During the course of the event, either during a meal or as a separate event, they move and talk to each other. At dessert, each will be given a moment to plead their case as to why they didn't commit the crime and deliver a funny line that they were given earlier.

Each person tries to solve the crime and answer questions that have been put to them as well as to choose someone as the best actor for the evening.

## **Question 1: How many facilitators?**

Just one. We wouldn't want to outnumber you! It's an intimate party and it needs an intimate host.

## **Question 2: With so few people, isn't it easy to figure it out?**

Actually no. We purposely make it to where each of the characters had the means, motive and opportunity to have committed the crime. Each show is different because people playing the characters are encouraged to make up details. Our host adjusts the final answer based on the details. If our host doesn't know the murderer there's no way that you could!

## **Question 3: What theme for the party?**

Because of the small nature of these events and our striving to keep the cost minimal, there are a smaller number of options for these events. In general we have a 008 theme (not quite James Bond), a mobster theme and a murder in a millionaire's mansion. We can customize additional themes but this would be for an additional charge. Most people are extremely happy with our current themes and we're happy to help your small group have a great time!

## **Question 3: How long will the event take?**

The events vary in length depending on how many people are participating and we can change the interview times to speed up or slow down the event. These generally are for 30-45 minutes, but can be pushed shorter or longer depending on the client's desire.

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