

## Going Away With PART 2

### November (continued) and December

After advertising and some early mind-changers we have 16 interested girls! A huge number for a first residential (we have a large unit of 30+ girls at any one time) and a little daunting! Nevertheless, now to coordinate all the parents so that details can be shared outside of the main communication channels. Our unit use a WhatsApp community for communications as neither Lara or myself use Facebook very regularly and found it cumbersome, the community is great as we can have separate channels for different events. London 2025 channel created, onto the next challenge.

### **Fundraising and costings.**

The next step is to start climbing the fundraising ladder. For my first foray into raising extra cash I had to work out exactly how much I needed to raise, for example I knew I wanted to take the girls to the west end to see a musical... in fact, I had promised I would, so I needed to know how much I was going to need. I spent about another week thinking about what other experiences I wanted the girls to have, what can we do for free? Where do we want to see?

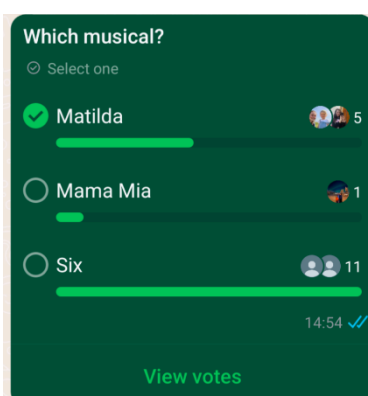
Here's the list I came up with:

- Pax Lodge
- London landmarks
- Museum Visit
- Thames river boat ride
- Cable car ride
- Shopping
- Musical

Add to this the things we NEED:

- Travel
- Food
- Accommodation
- Insurance

Since I also needed the girls to decide which musical we were going to see I decided on a 'hit two targets with one arrow', I set off to Google musicals for the girls and at their price. I took the most and put the three choices and the decision was pretty much



and searched for appropriate the same time made a note of expensive to give me wiggle room out to poll, as you can see the unanimous...

SIX it is!

To get to my total for fundraising I made a spreadsheet and calculated:

The total cost of everything we wanted to do and needed to pay for, subtract the total revenue from trip payments which would give us our needed total. It looked a bit like this:

Insurance	£141
Accommodation	£1,720
Trains	£799.20
West end	£1,289
Food (£20pppd)	£840
Pax lodge	£136
Travel (boat+cable car)	£385.00
Needed costing	£5,310
Per Person (16) =	£240.00
Total Revenue =	£3,840
Must Fundraise=	£1,470

Whilst I was sorting all this out (this took me into December to sort out), I set up our first fundraiser, the good old fashioned Bake Sale! We made a respectable £78 that evening, a nice little kick start to our efforts.

The second event was actually a cheeky jump onto my mentors' multi-section Christmas sleepover, I asked to run a tuck-shop for the end of the event so girls could pick up something sweet as they made their way home. I made popcorn/chocolate/sweeties cones and made some Christmas themed cakes. Another sweet £60 in the kitty!

By mid-December I had received my **REN** Part 1 back from my commissioner with a few things to tweak. The next thing to work on will be finalising the event programme so I can alter my risk assessment before resending Part 1 for the official signing off. Watch this space!