



SO, You're starting a CU!?

Attached are THE 7 ste**P**'s to starting a CU!

If you are just setting out – PRAISE GOD! Please email info@festive.org.uk so we can pray for you and offer any advice or help you may need as you take your first steps as a CU!

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1. Pray

Having thought about what your CU is going to be about (Maturity in Christ & Mission), pray for God's strength, direction and wisdom in all you do. God will guide you in what He wants you to do, and He will be your greatest helper. Isn't that fantastic news?! In his hands, small beginnings can have powerful results

2. Permission

You will probably need to obtain permission from the college to use a room for your meetings and to advertise the CU around the college. Putting posters up on notice boards or walls without permission is a bad Christian witness to the college and could result in problems in the future.

3. Place to Meet

On the subject of rooms..... Remember the saying: '*Location, location, location*'. It might be tough, but try to find a central location in the school/college that is readily accessible by as many people as possible. Rooms that are hard to find tend to deter a lot of students. Is there a Christian member of staff who could help you out here?

4. Publicity

Once you have decided you want to go ahead with a CU, you need to meet with other Christians in the college so you can share your vision with them. But how do you find them?

Posters — These should be simple, eye-catching, explain clearly what you are going to do, put up in prominent places, and provide a way for people to contact you.

Flyers — Smaller versions of the posters that you can give to other Christians as you meet them – maybe include an e-mail address?

School/College Bulletin — Can you place an advertisement here?

Churches — Ask for the details of your first meeting to be read out in any local churches attended by students. Get addresses of local churches off the Internet.

5. Paying for all this

Nothing is free in the 21st Century, sadly!! You will probably need to pay for any publicity you do. Where is that money coming from? Yourself, Church...?

6. People

Don't think you can do all this on your own. There may be people who can, and would be only too pleased to, help you in various ways. We've already mentioned Christian Staff. What about Churches - Get them to pray for your witness in the college. Nearby CUs - Maybe the University or HE College CU up the road could help you run a stall, take a meeting, pray for you etc. Maybe you could contact UCCF – www.uccf.org.uk/students/regional

7. Pray- again

Everything you do must be framed by prayer. Commit any plans you have made to God. Again, be specific. Once you've done all this all you need to do is have your first meeting.