

## How to run your own consultation response night

Running a consultation response night might seem like a dive into the complete unknown, so we wanted to break it down into some really simple steps:

### Ahead of the event

This is a really busy time of year for everyone and the consultation period is really short ending at 11:45pm on 16 December 2019.

1. So take a moment, organise a date in your diary right now.
2. Get the word out to your church, friends, family or small group.

### People will need to bring:-

- A laptop or a pen.

### On the evening you will need to provide:-

- Pens.
- [Printed copies of the consultation questions](#) for people to complete - you can download them here.
- WIFI access for people to [complete online submissions](#).
- Some printed copies of [the consultation guidance](#) which provide details points to each question- One between 2 would be fine - you can download them or people can access them electronically.
- PowerPoint slides - these will guide you through the questions as a group.
- Alternatively you can use the video (available on [reimaginingfaith.com/abortion](http://reimaginingfaith.com/abortion) from 29/11 to help host the evening and guide people from question to question.
- All our resources for filling in this consultation are available on our website [www.reimaginingfaith.com/abortion](http://www.reimaginingfaith.com/abortion)
- Envelopes and stamps.

## Suggested running order for the event

**1. Open in prayer. (5 minutes)** Here is [a piece from Donna](#) to help you frame the evening and responding to the consultation as an act of worship. We can fill these responses out to the glory of God!

**2. Give some background context to the evening. (10 minutes)**

- Our consultation guide does this for you.
- Why are people here?
- What are they going to do?
- Prophetic, pastoral, pragmatic.
- Use your own words as far as possible.

We don't anticipate that filling in the consultation with the use of our guidance should take any longer than one hour.

**3. At this point you can split into smaller groups or go through it together depending on the size. (About 1 hour)**

One person may wish to lead the evening, or each group, moving through the video or powerpoint question by question. Stop as appropriate to give people some time to respond to each question before moving on to the next. (Questions 1,3,4, 12 and 15 will take the most time. The other questions should take no more than a few minutes each for people to complete)

**4. Submit your response online or put it in an envelope and send in the post. (5 minutes)**

If you are filling out the official consultation response online then you simply just submit it when you're finished.

Hard copy responses should be put into a stamped envelope and sent to:

Abortion Consultation  
Northern Ireland Office  
Stormont House, Stormont Estate  
Belfast, BT4 3SH

**5. Plant some seeds for how the Church can respond in future. See [ideas and resources here from Both Lives matter](#). (5 minutes)**

**6. Benediction and blessing**

*If you have any further questions about how to run such an event, please feel free to get in touch with us on 028 9073 9079. Thank you for giving a child a chance.*