

QUIZ - All about Mothers' Union

Preparation

You will need to photocopy a set of the explanations to use them for the first two bullet points.

Three ways to use the quiz

- If your members are mobile and you have enough space, cut the explanations into individual answers and fasten the answers to the wall or notice boards around your meeting room, so that members have to find and read the explanation before answering the question.
- If your members are less mobile or you are limited for space you could cut the explanations into sets of 3 x 5 or 5 x 3 and hand them to the members to find the answers and then ask each group of members to pass their set to the next group.
- Or you could use it as a straight forward quiz to see how much your members know and then read the explanations as you give out the answers – be careful not to embarrass people who may not know all or any of the answers.

Explanations to answers to **QUIZ - All about Mothers' Union**

1. Mothers' Union is a Christian organisation open to men as well as women and has 4 million members worldwide.
2. Membership of Mothers' Union spreads over 80 countries, including Gambia, Egypt, Burundi, Sudan and South Sudan, Tanzania, Kenya, Australia, Thailand, and of course UK and All Ireland.
3. The Literacy and Numeracy Development Programme started in 2000 in Burundi, Malawi, Sudan.
4. Learning to read and work out simple mathematics has proved to be life changing for many people. By the end of 2013, 130,000 people will have received an accredited qualification in literacy.
5. Iraq really functions as two countries, Kurdistan in the north is relatively stable, but in the south violence has been escalating since 2008. There is one branch of Mothers' Union in Iraq at the church of St George, Baghdad.

6. Each week some of the 3,250 members in Iraq provide traditional food for 4,000 people many of whom are unemployed
7. The Tippy Tap is a simple and very effective way of having clean water for hand washing, helping to stop the spread of diseases and improve health
8. In times of natural or man-made disaster money can be sent from the Relief Fund. So that the money arrives where it is needed it always goes via a Mothers' Union official source.
9. Families, carers, and individuals who are suffering from stress can be referred to Mothers' Union for a holiday or short break through our Away From It All scheme.
10. Members knit Comfort Teddies for use by paramedics, ambulance and fire brigade personnel
11. The Mothers' Union organisation was started 139 years ago in 1876 at Old Alresford, Winchester, within 10 years the Diocese of Lichfield had Mothers' Union.
12. Mothers' Union was started by Mary Sumner after the birth of her first Grandchild.
13. Members knit blankets, bonnets and tiny garments for Premature Babies, they also knit cot blankets after receiving a special request from a local women's refuge centre.
14. Providing people with a Goat can improve health through better nutrition. Selling milk provides money to pay for school fees and uniforms. Fertiliser enriches the soil resulting in better crop yields. Baby goats are given to other people in the village or are sold to create income.
15. All Mothers' Union work and members are supported by Prayers. A 'Wave of Prayer' takes place at midday every day, where members pray for each other and the work. Each diocese is 'linked' with other dioceses, so wherever we are represented we are prayed for.