

# **10 Ways to Meet Quality Single Men**



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If you want to find the love of your life, you can't just sit home alone and expect him to magically appear on your doorstep one day. It would be nice if it was that simple, but unfortunately it isn't! The only way you'll ever meet single men is to put yourself out there. But of course, that raises the question: HOW AND WHERE DO YOU MEET THEM?

The good news is that there are MANY ways to meet single men. Here's a list of what I consider to be the best and easiest ways to meet them.

## **1. Family and close friends**

Don't be shy about telling your relatives and friends that you're looking for a life partner. You never know who they might be able to introduce you to. They may have single male friends, acquaintances, colleagues, and relatives who might be looking to meet an awesome lady like you!

## **2. Go to parties**

If you get invited to a party, go! You never know, one of the guests might turn out to be your soulmate! And even if Mr. Right isn't there, at least you'll get to socialize and enjoy a fun party. It certainly beats staying home alone and staring at the walls!

## **3. Singles events**

Singles events provide fantastic opportunities to meet people of the opposite sex who are also looking for relationships. To find singles events in your area, go on the web and type the following text into any major search engine: "singles events near (insert the name of your town or city)" and see what comes up.

Singles events can be parties, informal gatherings, happy hours, dances, museum outings, sporting events, nature hikes, and so on. Most singles events are geared

towards specific age ranges. Before going to any singles event, always try to find out what the target age range is. If you're in your 30's, you don't want to waste your time attending singles events where the majority of the people are 65 and older, and vice-versa!

#### **4. Take a class in a subject you're interested in**

Whether it's ceramics, acting, meditation, or computer skills, taking a class is a great way to meet other people who share your interests. Who knows, one of the students in the class could turn out to be Mr. Right! Or, perhaps you might make friends with a student who knows a potential dating prospect for you.

#### **5. Go to the gym**

If you're seeking a fitness-minded guy, then the gym is the place to go. I can't think of a better place to strike up conversations with men who are trying to build up strong, sexy muscles!

If you happen to see a nice-looking guy at the gym, try to make eye contact with him. Then smile and say hello. A great way to break the ice is to ask him to show you how to use one of the pieces of gym equipment such as a weight machine or elliptical. Chances are, he'll be happy to do so. If the interest is mutual, perhaps he'll stick around and continue chatting with you while you're working out. But if not, then at least you learned how to use another piece of gym equipment!

#### **6. Join community clubs and organizations**

Joining a local club or organization is a wonderful way to meet and network with other people in your community. If the club or organization meets on a regular basis, you'll have the opportunity to interact with the same people again and again. Over time, you'll get to know them better and hopefully develop some new friendships. There's always a chance that some of these friendships could potentially lead to future dating prospects for you, either directly or indirectly through introductions to others. As your social network expands, so will the number of opportunities to meet men.

## **7. Throw a party**

If you have a few trusted friends or acquaintances to invite, you may want to consider throwing a party at either your place (if you have the space) or at an inexpensive venue such as a reasonably priced restaurant. In order to attend, each person you invite must bring along a single, unattached friend or relative of the opposite sex. This provides a casual, low-key environment for meeting new guys, some of whom may turn out to be potential dating prospects for you!

## **8. Attend religious services and/or events at your local house of worship**

If you're on the religious side and are interested in meeting someone who shares your religion, then attending services at your local house of worship is a great way to do just that. If going to weekly services isn't your cup of tea, you may want to consider attending religious events and festivals that are going on during the holidays. You never know who else might be there to take part in the festivities!

## **9. Meetup.com**

If you've never heard of or used Meetup.com before, I HIGHLY recommend that you check it out. The Meetup.com website consists of thousands of social groups known as Meetups whose members all share a certain thing in common such as:

- age (e.g. Meetup groups for 40-somethings)
- marital status (e.g. Meetup groups for singles, couples, etc.)
- religion (e.g. Meetup groups for Jews, Christians, Buddhists, etc.)
- hobbies/interests (e.g. Meetup groups for moviegoers, hikers, arts and culture enthusiasts, etc.)
- career/industry (Meetup groups for attorneys, entrepreneurs, healthcare professionals, financial advisors, etc.)

This of course is only a small sampling of all the different types of Meetup groups out there. To find out what Meetup groups are available in your area, go to the Meetup.com

website. In the search box, type in a topic or category you're interested in, as well as your location and desired mileage radius. The Meetup site will then bring up all the Meetup groups located in and around your local area that relate to the topic or category you entered. You can join as many Meetup groups as you like. At one time, I was a member of almost 50 different Meetup groups!

Each Meetup group is led by one or more organizers who coordinate events that the group members can attend. Some Meetup groups host several events per month, whereas other groups are less active and meet only a few times a year.

Unlike singles events where everyone is looking for a date, Meetup events are geared more towards socializing than dating. In fact, one of the reasons why Meetup events are so popular is because there is no pressure for members to date each other, unless of course you hit it off with another Meetup member and you both mutually agree to start dating. The goal of going to Meetup events is to get out and have fun while meeting new people, both male and female. If you happen to hit it off with a male Meetup member, that's great! But if not, then at least you're still out and about, having fun and sharing new experiences with others.

Before I move on, I want to bring up a very important point: Don't shy away from participating in female-dominated groups, activities, and events just because you think you'll never meet any men there. Sometimes other women can be great vehicles for meeting men. They might have male friends, relatives, or co-workers whom they can introduce you to. I'll give you a quick example of what I mean.

A few years ago, I took an all-female dance class at my local gym. I took the class strictly because I wanted to, not because I was expecting to meet any men there. After all, I knew I wouldn't find any men at an all-female dance class! But much to my pleasant surprise, one of the women in the class offered to fix me up with a male colleague from her job. Who would've thought I'd get a date by taking a dance class with all women!

My mom always used to tell me, “Through women, you can meet men.” She was certainly was right about that!

## **10. Online Dating**

If you don't have the time or the desire to attend singles events, take classes, or join Meetup groups, then you may want to give online dating a try. What makes online dating so appealing is its ease and convenience - you can literally search for a potential mate right from the comfort of your own home. While a full description of how the online dating process works is beyond the scope of this report, I do want to give you the basics of what it entails:

First, you have to join a site. With all the different online dating sites available nowadays, you're bound to find at least one that suits your needs and budget. All online dating sites fall into two major categories:

1. Free vs. paid (i.e. you have to pay a monthly membership fee)
2. Mass market vs. niche

Mass market sites are open to single men and women of all ages, ethnicities, religions, lifestyles, and walks of life. Some examples of mass market sites are: Match.com, eHarmony, and OKCupid. The niche sites have a more targeted membership base, e.g. JDate is a Jewish singles site, Veggie Date is for vegetarians, and so on.

Once you've chosen a site, you have to create a profile that contains at least one flattering photo of yourself as well as a clear, concise description of who you are and what you're looking for in a partner. Then, enter your search criteria, and voila...you're presented with several potential matches. The number of matches you receive will depend on how broad or narrow your search criteria are.



You can then contact the matches whose profiles look and sound most appealing to you. Nowadays, most online dating sites offer anonymous email systems so that your personal contact information won't be revealed to your matches until you're ready to share it with them. This gives online daters an added layer of safety and security.

If you'd like to learn more about how to meet the man of your dreams online, then I encourage you to check out my eBook, [\*The Single Woman's Guide to Navigating the Online Dating World: How to Go From Online to Happily Ever After\*](#). In this book, I'll guide you through each and every step of the online dating process from start to finish. Click [here](#) to learn more or go to: [www.datewithpower.com/online-dating-ebook](http://www.datewithpower.com/online-dating-ebook).

As you may already know, I'm a HUGE fan of online dating, not just because I met my soulmate on Match.com, but because in my opinion, no other method of meeting people offers the same level of convenience as online dating. If you're not having much luck meeting men in person, then I strongly recommend that you give the online dating world a try.

### **Conclusion**

As you can see, there are many ways to meet single guys. I suggest you start out by choosing one or two ways you feel most comfortable with, and then make it your mission to go out, have fun, and enjoy life, regardless of whether or not there's a man in it. Avoid obsessing over how, when, and where you're going to find "The One". I assure you, he'll appear when the time and circumstances are right.

If you approach every date and social situation with the sole intention of finding Mr. Right, you'll come across as being needy and desperate, which are huge turnoffs to men. Plus, you'll always feel depressed and disappointed whenever things don't pan out the way you had hoped. Rather than viewing every social interaction as a make-or-break opportunity to meet the man of your dreams, just relax, be happy, and enjoy the experience!

The reality is, you never really know how or where you'll end up meeting "The One." On the beach, in a supermarket, on the subway, in a Meetup group...the possibilities are endless! He could be lurking around in the most unlikely of places, which is why it's important to always keep your mind and heart open to the possibility of finding love anytime anywhere. Sometimes love really does sneak up on you when you least expect it. That's why you must NEVER EVER give up hope that someday the right man will come your way. By putting your best self forward, the right man will be naturally drawn to you like a magnet whenever and wherever he shows up!

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To find out more about Erica and her mission to help single women find their soulmates, please go to [www.datewithpower.com/about.html](http://www.datewithpower.com/about.html).