

Speedy dates may find true love

A new local company aims to help Calgary singles find true love six minutes at a time.

The Six Minute Dates Inc. is the brainchild of Calgarians **Christine Hart** and **Dana Blonde**.

Hart and Blonde, both single gals, have found that time is a precious commodity for unattached professionals.

Hart and Blonde launched the company because they've discovered many people who are serious about finding a compatible date also don't like the bar scene or committing to a dating service, personal ads or chat rooms on the Internet. Many singles' functions are awkward and boring. And blind dates? Forget about it.

"It's stupid how people are going about meeting people," says Hart.

"We've got to get more face-to-face going on. I think there's



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frustration with the way people are meeting, and how often you go to the bar or a singles' event and you make that effort, but it's so awkward. So, we thought, let's just make the effort shorter."

The goal of Six Minute Dates is to bring like-minded single professionals together "in a fun, easy, convenient, safe and relaxing atmosphere."

The dates will be at either the Good Earth Cafe or Core Cafe on Stephen Avenue Mall.

During a session, in a little more than an hour a Six Minute Dater will meet 10 other single professionals on a one-to-one basis a-la speed-dating.

"We think it'll work. It's 10 blind dates in one night!" says Hart. "The feedback has been really good. We've set the price at a level where we're going to get people who are serious. It works out to \$40 to meet 10 quality singles after work. We think it'll attract good, fun people."

The inaugural Six Minute Date night happens Tuesday at Core for the 25-35 demographic, and there are tickets still available. Might be a good thing to do for you single folks before Valentine's Day rears its ugly head.



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