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Fundraising Ideas



Do it your way



A

Abseil

Set the bar high with an abseil.

Auction / Auction of promises

Auction of promises – what good deeds can you promise to the highest bidder? Cake baking, car washing, dog walking, gardening, making cups of tea in the office? Get your friends involved too.

Or do you have some contacts you can call upon to donate items for a silent auction?

Afternoon tea

Ready to debate how to pronounce 'scone'? Then why not host an afternoon tea? Whether you do it at work, home or a local venue, we're a nation of tea drinkers, so your event is sure to prove popular.

A close shave

Shave or wax your beard, chest, legs or even your head. Who would pay to see this happen?

Aerob-a-thon

Dig out the Lycra and flex those muscles in a sponsored aerobics challenge.

Arts and Crafts stall

Maybe you are a crafty genius? There are so many local fairs, craft shows etc. where you can sell your fabulous creations.



B

Bake sale

Get your bake on and bake your way to fundraising success. Whether at school, work or home, cake, pastries, and other goodies are always a popular way to raise funds.

Bingo

Everyone loves the excitement of a bingo! Search online for fun bingo squares or make your own and charge a fee per game. It couldn't be simpler!

Beard shaving

You may love your furry face, but what about your friends and family? Would the idea of you shaving your beard off have them reaching into their pockets?

Battle of the Bands

Arrange a fabulous evening with your musically inclined friends and colleagues. Who will reign supreme? Charge ticket prices to fundraise whilst having a fab night of entertainment.

Book sale

The perfect opportunity for everyone to have a clear out and then buy some fabulous books they haven't read yet.

Birthday Fundraiser

If you don't need presents for your birthday then you can ask for a donation instead.

Bike ride

A great way to challenge yourself to get fit and raise money for a great cause. Plan your own ride or join a local cycling event.



C

Coffee mornings

Many people rely on a coffee to get them through the day so hosting a coffee morning is a great way to fundraise. Round up colleagues, family and friends for some quality time over a cuppa, all while raising funds for My Sisters Place.

Concert

Celebrate the musical skills of your local community or friendship group by hosting a concert, using ticket sales to raise money.

Caption competition

Get a picture of a celebrity or your boss (if they agree) doing something unusual and ask people to submit a caption for a donation. Provide a prize for the best caption.

Cheese tasting evening

Host a cheese evening and charge an entry fee for friends and family to try some of the loveliest cheese that you have on offer.

Come dine with me

Why not hold your very own dinner party? Invite friends and family to enjoy your culinary delights in exchange for a donation.

Ceilidh

Experience another culture by putting on a Ceilidh in your community. Charge an entry fee, provide food and drink (or encourage people to bring their own) and get ready for an evening of good company, laughs and, of course, some traditional Celtic dancing.

Challenge yourself

Challenge yourself and get sponsored to undertake something that will be a challenge for you personally. This could be a physical challenge like a run or bike ride or it could be giving something up that you don't think you could live without!



D

Dances / Disco / Dance'athon

You don't need access to a ballroom and moves for Strictly to host a dance, you just need space and music to move to. From salsa to line dancing, ballroom to Bollywood - celebrate the vibrant world of music and dance.

Darts match

Set your sights on bulls-eye and keep the game serious by charging an entry fee to raise funds. Or keep it fun and set challenges like throwing whilst on one leg and charge per throw. If you are or know a local darts champion why not charge a fee to play against them?

Dress up / dawn day or Themed dress code

Pick a day for everyone to wear their loudest, brightest clothes to work or school for a donation or pick a theme that will work for you. Dress down and wear your PJs to the office or school for a day of comfort.

Declutter

Do that big clear out you've been putting off and, while you're at it, why not turn your spring cleaning into an opportunity to fundraise. You could sell online or hold a garage sale / attend a car boot sale.

Dog walking

Do you love dogs but don't have one of your own? Why not offer to take friend and families fluffy four legged friends for their daily walk and charge a small fee.



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Eighties Night

Who doesn't love the 80's! Invite your guests to wow the crowds with some stylish 80's fancy dress, dig out your Kylie, Bros and Wham! showstoppers, eat 80's snacks and bring some neon back into your life.

Exercise challenge

Decide your activity and the length of time you will take part in the challenge, then invite friends, family and colleague to sponsor your efforts. This could be a walk, run or bike ride or a push up, squat or plank challenge. there are so many options to choose.

Expert talk

Invite an expert to give a talk on any topic you choose, and charge an entry fee to raise funds for charity.

Easter activities

From Easter egg hunts to egg painting competitions there are lots of ways to incorporate fundraising into Easter.

F

Football match / 5-a-side football

This could be a charity match or a small sided tournament, you can charge a fee to play or team entry. You could also let spectators donate to take part in a penalty shootout at the end of the match / tournament?

Fancy-dress days

Fancy dress is a great way to raise money any time of year. Why not let your colleagues cast votes on the costume you have to wear for the day? They can pay a fee to vote.



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Face painting

A face painting fundraiser is a creative, family-friendly way to gather people together and raise funds for your cause. You'll simply have attendees pay a fee to have their or their children's faces painted by volunteers at your event.

'Fivers'

Get friends, family and colleagues to donate a £5 note each and write their name on it. Put the notes in a pot and whoever's name you pull out wins a share of the money, with the rest going to My Sisters Place.

G

Give it up

Give up something you love for a good cause. Avoid chocolate, Facebook, using the lift – choose your challenge and ask your friends and family to show their support by sponsoring you.

Guess the number

Ask your friends, family or colleagues to guess the number of items in the jar, closest guess wins all the items.

Garden party

Keep your fingers crossed for sunny skies and organise a garden get-together like a a summer BBQ or picnic. Ask guests for a donation up front and think about adding some extra fundraisers like a raffle.

Games Night

You don't have to be a Monopoly board master or play Scrabble like a pro to a host a games night. You just need games, a place to play and people to play with.

Girls Night In

Get the girls round. It's simple, just invite your friends round and ask them to donate the amount they would usually spend on a night out.



H

Head shave

Shave all your hair off for some sponsorship money

Hiking challenge

Lace up your walking boots and head to the hills for a hiking challenge. Ask friends and family to sponsor you as you tick off mountains or miles.

Hour of pay

Donate an hour of your pay, you can even ask your friends and family to do the same.

Halloween party

A great fancy-dress fundraiser. Sell tickets or ask guests for a donation up front. Don't forget the apple bobbing and other Halloween games.

Hula hoop contest / Hula-thon

How many times can you spin the hula hoop? Organise a hula hoopathon! Don't forget to get sponsored by the spin, or the length of time you keep the hoop going.

I

International evening / day

Hold a themed international night and decorate flags from across the globe. Search for recipes from around the world or encourage people to bring their own and charge an entry fee.

Ice challenge

You know the drill. Get some ice. Get some water, and film yourself getting drenched or taking a dunk. Donate and nominate several others to join in and do the same.



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Indoor rowing

You don't have to take to the water to set yourself a sponsored rowing challenge – head down to your local gym!

It's a Knockout

Have some fun with an It's a Knockout event

J

Jeans for Work Day

if you live in a corporate world it might seem odd to see your colleagues in jeans but why not use this as a chance to raise money and have a more casual day in the office.

Jumble sale

Hold a jumble sale and sell all your old bric-a-brac. You can also ask your friends and family for donations to sell.

Jazz night

Take in some smooth tunes at your own jazz night event. You could put on an evening of entertainment and charge for entry. Or if you're a jazz musician yourself, you could share your talent and provide music lessons for donations.

Jewelry collection, jewelry making/selling

If you have high value pieces you're looking to donate, an auction could be the best route for you. Or if your skill set lies in making, why not put on a 'make-your-own' craft session?

Joke-athon

Why did the chicken cross the road? ...well maybe it was to go to a joke-athon for My Sisters Place....LOL



K

Karaoke

Using your singing abilities (or lack of) to raise money. Get friends, family and colleagues involved in this easy to set up event. Rent a karaoke machine and hold an event in your local pub, university bar – or office. Sell tickets and ask a local business to donate a prize. You could also sell earplugs on the door.

Knitting

Use your knitting skills to create some items to sell, encourage fellow knitters and run a knitting get together.

Kick a bad habit

What better form of encouragement than knowing you are supporting a charity at the same time as beating a habit.

Keepy uppy competition

Who can keep the ball in the air for the longest? run a competition to see who has got what it takes to claim the record.

L

Lent challenge

Give up something. Anything! Get people to sponsor you and you've easily made some money for charity whilst proving your self-restraint at the same time!

Litter picking

Gather your friends and family for a sponsored litter pick in your community. You could even get the council or local authority to sponsor you!

Line Dancing

A boot scootin' shindig with music and lots of fun. you could incorporate lessons and a best dressed cowboy / girl



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Loud shirt day

It does what it says on the tin ... whether at work or school or an event, wear the loudest most wonderful shirt / top you own. Prize for the best.

Las Vegas night

Enjoy a glitzy Vegas casino themed evening. attendees can pay for entry but lots of opportunities for additional activities on the night.

Leg / body waxing

Do you have a very hairy friend or colleague that you could persuade to get waxed for charity? people could pay per strip.

M

Marathon events

Before you skip and read onto the next idea, remember a marathon doesn't have to mean running! Your marathon could be DJ sets, roller skating, or ping pong. Just decide if you want an activity that will take you 26.2 miles or a number of hours.

Matched Giving

Whether you're raising money in the office or outside of work, ask your employer about matched giving. Lots of our fundraisers have doubled the amount raised by their employer so don't be afraid to ask.

Mobile-free day

Cut down your screen time and challenge yourself to go phone-free for a day, asking for sponsorship from family and friends.

Murder mystery

Host your own whodunnit and ask guests to give donations, or start a sweepstake on who the murderer might be.



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Name the ...

Name the teddy, bunny or bear. Whatever it is you choose, tap into people's competitive nature with a simple guessing game. Charge per entry and provide a percentage of the money raised as a prize or try to get one donated.

Nominate your boss!

Create a challenge especially for your boss and encourage your colleagues to sponsor them or even takes bets as to whether they will even completed it!

Netball tournament

Take to the court for charity netball matches

'No' week / month

Why not try going without one of your favourite things for a week or a month and asking your friends and family to sponsor you? Maybe chocolate is your vice, or crisps or coffee. Choose what you're giving up carefully, if you slip-up you may have to donate too!

O

Office Olympics

Become an office Olympic champion by participating in a number of fun events such as paper plane flying and waste paper basketball.

Odd clothes day

Perfect for schools or work. Getting your maddest and worst clothes and dress up for a day. The more the better.

Open Mic night

Host an open-mic night and discover your friends family's or colleagues hidden talents.



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Odd jobs for donations

Mowing a lawn, washing a car, or fixing a fence – put your skills to good use by trading odd jobs for donations.

Open gardens

If your garden is in full bloom or you have a house with a colourful history, why not open your doors for an entry fee and host an open house. Link up with your community and neighbours to encourage others to do the same.

P

Penalty shoot out

Show off your skills in a sponsored shoot out as part of a football fundraiser.

Photo competitions

If you're a budding photographer, hold a competition for interesting snaps.

Pancake race

Hold your own pancake race – challenge your friends and family.

Pool Tournament

Create a tournament with friends in a local bar or go bigger and organise an open invite event.

Plant sale

Growing plants is good for the environment, fun and can certainly be a good way to raise money!

Parachute Jump

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? It's you doing a charity skydive!

Take to the sky and experience the thrill of jumping from 10000 feet



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Quiz night

The pub, village hall, local sports centre or at home, these are all venues suitable for hosting a quiz. Will the theme change by rounds or will your quiz specific to a particular band, film or book? You host the night and guests pay to play.

Quiet in the workplace

This one is easy. No talking. None. Zero! anyone who breaks the silence pays the price! you just set the time constraints and off you go.

Quickest time contests

See who can complete a task the fastest

R

Raffle

A raffle is great to have at a charity fundraising event. Just charge a fee for tickets and the winner gets a prize. This could also work as a standalone fundraising activity.

Recycling

You can recycle spent ink cartridges, phones and tech etc, or collect left over foreign coins from your holiday! If you can recycle it you can raise money to donate.

Race night

Whether its pigs, horses or even ferrets there is a race night that is right for you. You could book someone to run the event for you or take it on yourself.

Running

Whether it's a fun run or a Marathon, there's a running challenge for you!

Rounders tournament

Hold a rounders Tournament and see who still has their PE skills.



S

Soak the boss

See if you can convince your boss or work colleague's to in the stocks and get wet! Get people to pay per sponge. Pay-back for all that overtime....

Stalls

Set up a variety of stalls, from plants or cakes to recycled goods. Any sort of selling stall can create more donations than you would think possible.

Swim-athon

Swim the distance. Get sponsored per length, width...or mile!

Street party

All your neighbours can get involved with a local street party

Superhero party

Dress up as the person you consider your superhero

Silent disco

Give everyone a playlist to listen to through their headphones, and get dancing.

Supermarket bag pack

Ask to hold a bag-packing day in your local supermarket. Bring some friends, pick a busy shopping day and get packing for small change.

Salsa night

Dance the night away, provide some lessons or even incorporate a bit of a dance challenge.

Sponsored silence

If you're a chatterbox who finds being quiet a challenge, then perhaps you can raise funds with a sponsored silence.



T

Tea party

A good cup of tea can change your mood. so why not drink it and raise some funds. Hosting your own tea event is easy, and you can host at home, online or anywhere in your community. you could add activities like guess the weight of the cake.

Tug-of-War

this could be a standalone tournament or used as part of a carnivals, galas, or team building activities. A funny version of Tug O War could be when the losing team gets pulled face first into a giant pool of Jelly!

Tuck shop

Tuck shops can be run at schools, businesses, or in the community and you can decide what you sell.

Talent contest

This can be organised within your local hall and provide a great Christmas party or charity school event. Hold a contest to showcase the talents of your friends and family! Prizes for the winner and, even, loser!

Tombola

super simple and you can run a tombola anywhere. you could ask local shops or organisations for prizes or simply raid the cupboard for those secret Santa gifts you have never opened.

Treasure Hunt

This will usually be better organised in the summer, however (any excuse to misbehave in the office) you could even organise one around your place of work. Negotiate with your boss and spend an afternoon hunting for a series of clues leading to an ultimate treasure. Pay to play.



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Ultimate frisbee

Take to your local park for an ultimate frisbee competition

Uniform free day

Skip the uniform for a day in return for a small donation

University Challenge

Host your own University Challenge style event

Upcycling

Transform old items into something new that you can then sell

Ultra Challenge series

Does 25km sound like a long way? How about 50km or 100? If you fancy a challenge (walking, running or jogging), there are events in different parts of the country, as well as virtually.

V

Valentine's Day

Lots of single friends and a skill for matchmaking? Why not organise a single's event? You could organise a speed-dating evening or even a full-blown Valentine's ball.

Variety show

Hold a local variety show and enjoy an evening of entertainment

Video game competition

Discover who's the best when it comes to gaming

Village fete

Organise a village fete to help raise money



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Walking challenge

Sponsored events are a fantastic way to raise money. Pick a destination / distance or time frame and just walk on towards it.

Wine tasting evening

It does what it says on the tin. Invite friends family and community to a wine tasting experience.

Wear a wig to work day

The wackier the better, find yourself a wig and try out a new look. A great opportunity to share on social media to gain more support.

Workshop

Offer a skills workshop where people pay a fee to learn something new. From cooking to crafting to photography - use your best skills for good!

X, Y, Z

X-Factor Competition

Celebrate all your talents by putting on a show – Britain's definitely got talent...somewhere. Organise your own show and invite your local community as well.

Yes day

Could you say "yes" to everything for a day? Take on the sponsored challenge at home or in the office.

Zumbathon

host a Zumba class or party, you decide how long you can keep going!

Zip wire

Soar through the sky as you take on a zip wire challenge

