

# A to Z - Fundraising Ideas

## A

**All day event** Ask your local pub or sports club if they can arrange a 24-hour sponsored event such as darts, squash or bridge.

**Auction of Promises** Try to get people to donate a gift, the promise of their time or use of their belongings. You can even ask people to donate themselves as 'slaves for the day'!

**Aerobics** If you enjoy keeping fit - or want to start - why not get people to sponsor you to complete a set number of classes or for a period of time?

**Assault course challenge**

**Auction**

**Afternoon tea party**

**Arts & crafts exhibition/fair**

## B

**Bring a Pound into Work** Simply ask your colleagues to each bring a pound into work in aid of the charity you are raising money for.

**Barbecue** Hold a charity barbecue – charge people an entry fee and raffle some prizes to top up your fundraising.

**Book Sale** Dig out all those old books and have a book sale at home or at work.

**Bad tie day** get all your colleagues involved – ask them to pay £1 and wear the most wacky and bad taste tie they can find for a day! You could even give a prize for the worst!

**Bingo** hold your own bingo night and take a percentage of the profits.

**Bring & Buy sale** Ask everyone to dig out their unwanted clothes, toys or other items that are in good condition and could be passed onto other people. Then invite them to shop for new items at the sale!

## C

**Car Boot Sale** Get all those unwanted items stashed in the back of cupboards or in your loft and sell them at a car boot sale.

**Coffee Morning** Get all friends together and have a coffee morning, it's a great way to catch up on all the gossip!

**Competition** Hold a competition at work, at home or at a club.

**Charge for favours** Every time someone asks if you would do a favour, charge him or her.

**Concert** – singing, dancing, music, even a talent contest!

**Car washing**

**Carol singing**

**Conker championship**

## D

**Dinner Dance** Have a band, good food, organise a raffle and/or an auction.

**Dry Cornflakes** Set up a line of people and bet who will finish their bowl first.

**Disco** Organise a disco or 70's night - with fancy dress!

**Dress Down Day** Ideal if you work in an office environment where your colleagues might be keen for an opportunity to work in jeans.

**Dance marathon**

**Darts tournament**

**Dog walking**

**Duck race**

## E

**Exhibition** – of arts & crafts, dance, music.

**Easter Egg Hunt/Party**

**Egg Rolling Competition**

**Egg and spoon race**

**Egg painting**

## F

**Fancy dress car wash** Ask everyone in your street if you can wash their car - dressing up in a zany outfit makes it more fun.

**Fun-run** – jog round your local park with your friends & family, or join in with an organised event.

**Fancy dress party** dress as your favourite film stars or cartoon characters, superhero, animal, anything you like! Sell tickets and raffle some prizes on the night to

**Face painting** whether at a larger event or just for one day at school/nursery, ask everyone to bring in a pound to get their face painted.

**Fashion show** approach your local shops for support – they can show off their clothes and ticket sales will help you raise money!

**Football Tournament**

## G

**Golf day** organise a tournament or have a day out with your friends and get sponsored per hole, or even play in fancy dress!

**Guess the height/weight/amount** of sweets in a jar, cakes, pennies, anything!

**Go-karting tournament** Get your friends family and colleagues involved to make up some teams, and ask participants to collect sponsorship.

**Garden party**

## H

**Halloween Ball** Sell tickets to a fancy dress ball or party, and give a prize for the best costume.

**Hula Hoop competition** Who can keep the hoop spinning the longest?!

**Head shaving** ask everyone to sponsor you to shave your head!

**Hopscotch**

## I

**Ice Skating** Get people to sponsor you for how many times you can go around the ring without falling over..

**Ice cream & movie night** pick some of your favourite films and some of your favourite ice cream flavours and invite your friends over for a night in. Ask everyone for a donation towards your fundraising.

**It's-a-Knockout**

## J

**Jumble Sale** People love a good rummage to find some bargains!

**Juggling competition** Get people to raise sponsorship to take part, and awarded a prize to the person who can continue juggling for the longest period of time, or perhaps whoever can juggle the most items!

**Jazz night**

**Jigsaw puzzle**

## K

**Karaoke Evening** Ask a local pub to host a Karaoke night for you and charge people to get in or take part.

**Kite flying**

**Kiss-a-thon**

## L

**Lunch Money** Ask all your colleagues to bring in sandwiches for their lunch and donate the money they saved to charity.

**Lunchtime Quiz** Stimulate the mind before heading back for the afternoon slog. Get together teams and charge to take part.

**Line dancing**

**Loud tie day**

**Lego building – who can build the biggest or best creation?**

## M

**Match the pet to the owner competition** Ask your colleagues to bring in one photo of themselves and one of their pet. Charge people £1 a time to match up all the photographs

**Murder Mystery Evening**

**Masked Ball** Everyone wears a mask of his or her choice. Have a competition to guess who's who.

**Magic show**

**Musical chairs**

**Music quiz**

## N

**Night in** Stay in on a Saturday night and the money you save, donate to The Blue Cross.

**No Smoking** Get people to sponsor you for giving up cigarettes – even for one day or week to begin with!

**No Drinking** Revitalise your body and give up the bottle for a few weeks - ask people to sponsor you.

**Nature walk**

**Netball tournament**

**Non-uniform day**

## O

**Open Day** If you have a colourful garden, let all those garden lovers come and admire, for a charge.

**Obstacle course**

**Odd job day**

**Odd clothes day**

## P

**Publicity** Send a press release to all your local papers asking for sponsorship from companies and individuals.

**Photography competition** Invite your friends to get their baby photos out and pay £1.00 a go to 'guess the baby'.

**Pancake day**

**Parachute jump**

**Pet show**

**Pie eating**

**Pool competition**

**Play – write and perform your own!**

## Q

**Quiz Nights** always a favourite whether it is at home at work, in a club or in your local. Charge people to take part.

**Question of Sport** All you sports fanatics, make up your own questions and test your friends' knowledge.

## R

**Race night** Hold a race night, charge and entry fee and take a cut of the betting income.

**Raffle** – ask friends and local businesses to donate items for you to raffle, amongst friends, family and colleagues.

**Record breaking attempts**

**Roller-blading**

**Rock'n'roll night**

## **S**

**Shocking sock/tie day** Those who take part are asked to donate £1, those who don't pay a forfeit of £2.

**Snack attack** Everyone gets peckish in the middle of the morning, so hold a cake or biscuit sale.

**Sweepstake** Run a sweepstake on how many times your boss gets a cup a tea or how many times your colleague leaves their desk during the day. £1.00 to have a go.

**Sponsored Events** Bike Ride, walk, silence, swim, slim, head shave.

**Swap Shop** You may not like filing or doing those chores around the house. Ask your friends to pool the things they hate doing and get everyone to bid for the ones they would like to do.

**Swim-a-thon**

**Silent auction**

**Salsa evening**

**Sponsored anything!**

## **T**

**Treasure Hunt** A challenge event for people, and a fun way to raise big money.

**Theme days/nights** Jazz up the winter months and hold a themed event.

**Tombola** Get some raffle tickets and persuade your friends and colleagues to donate prizes.

**Talent competition**

**Tea party**

**Three-legged races**

**Treasure hunt**

**Tug of war**

## U

**University Challenge** Collect together teams who attend the same or nearby universities and hold a challenge to see which university comes top.

## V

**Variety Show** Round up your talented friends and tread the boards, charging for admission.

## W

**Wine Tasting** Invite an 'expert' or local wine dealer to bring along a few cases of wine and donate some of the proceeds to charity.

**White Elephant Stall**

**Welly-throwing competition**

**Wheelbarrow racing**

## X

**Xmas dance**

**Xmas pantomime**

**Xylophone competition**

## Y

**Yorkshire Pudding** - see how many you can eat & run a sweepstake

**Yodelling competition**

**Yo-Yo competition** – who can keep it going the longest, or do the most impressive tricks?

## Z

**Zombie Party** – at Halloween or any time of the year!

**Zany clothes day**

**Zoo quiz**

## **Zodiac reading**