

A – Z of Fundraising Ideas

A

- **Apple bobbing**
- **Art – do you know a painter, photographer or potter? Get donations and hold an exhibition/sale**
- **Ask around, get ideas and support – you’ll never know what you could achieve if you don’t**
- **Auction of “promises” or a slave auction (get someone to offer to be a slave for the day or your manager to make coffee for the department for the week. Colleagues can bid for their services)**

B

- **Baby competition – ask colleagues and friends to bring in baby photos of themselves. People pay to guess who’s who – great fun and prizes for winners**
- **Bad hair day**
- **Bad tie day**
- **Baked beans bath**
- **Be shameless! Keep talking about your fundraising efforts and training. Get people involved**
- **Bed push**
- **Bingo nights**
- **Blind date**
- **Bob a job**
- **Bring and buy, at work, garden, community centre**

C

- **Car boot sale**
- **Car wash**
- **Cartwheel competition**
- **Church or place of worship collection**
- **Coffee morning, cake sale - ask a local cookery class or school to help**
- **Company contacts – ask you suppliers for sponsorship, gift donations (get permission)**
- **Computer games marathon**
- **Concert**
- **Cover a distance with coins**
- **Craft fair**

D

- **Darts tournament**
- **Diet – you, friends and colleagues €’s per pound**
- **Dinner dance**

- Disco
- DJ – do you, your children or friends know one? Ask them to do the music for your event
- Dog walking
- Donkey derby
- Drawing competition
- Dress down for the day. Pay for the privilege
- Drink – get sponsored to give up alcohol

E

- Egg and spoon race
- Email – invites and reminders to friends, their friends friends
- Environmental clean up
- Ever ready – keep your eyes open to opportunities and your sponsorship form handy (if appropriate)
- Exhibitions

F

- Face painting
- Fairs
- Fancy dress party
- Fancy dress party of day
- Fashion show
- Fete or fair – have a stall
- Fine box for swearing at home or lateness at work
- Fishing competition
- Football kit day at work. Pay to wear your favourite jersey
- Football match – five a side

G

- Games: monopoly, chess tournament, team trivial pursuit, scrabble – pay to enter, donated prizes
- Gigs
- Girls vs boys day
- Go - Karting
- Golf day – tournament
- Guess the height/weight
- Guess the number e.g. balloons in a car, sweets in a jar etc

H

- Hand shaking marathon
- Hang man competition
- Head shaving
- Hobbies – what hobbies can help you raise money? sport, walking, cycling, art and craft, aromatherapy, massage etc.

- **Hopscotch**
- **Horse racing and dogs – sweepstake at work**

I

- **Ink – write to everyone you possibly can**
- **Inter school debate/quiz**
- **International food dinner party**
- **It's a knockout**

J

- **Jazz night**
- **Jelly eating competition**
- **Judo competition**
- **Jumble sale**

K

- **Karaoke evening (pay not to sing perhaps)**
- **Keep fit a thon**
- **Kick off – 5 a side tournament – works, pubs**
- **Knitathon**
- **Knockout pillow fighting**

L

- **Lambada party**
- **Leg waxing**
- **Library – get your friends, family, colleagues to get a book from the library instead of buying it and give you the money they've saved**
- **Line dancing evening**
- **Loud tie day**
- **Lunchless – set a date for all your colleagues to bring in a packed lunch and then to give you the money they would have spent**

M

- **Marathon**
- **Matched donation from your company**
- **Meal – ask a restaurant for reduced prices if you bring a large party on a weekday evening. Charge cover price plus extra. Raffle and games too.**
- **Murder mystery party**
- **Music quiz**
- **Musical chairs**

N

- **Neighbours – offer to wash their windows, mow the lawn or throw a street party (get council permission if relevant) Charge admission**
- **Never give up!**

- No smoking day
- Non uniform day

O

- Obstacle course
- Opera – try to get a group discount on opera or theatre tickets and then charge everyone a bit extra for the outing
- Organize events within events – why not hold a raffle at your party or an auction at your sports tournament?
- Outdoor bazaar

P

- Party – 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90s, beach, Easter, out of season Christmas, or no theme – just for fun!
- Pedalathon
- Penalty shoot out competition
- Photo competition
- Pie eating
- Plant sale
- Poetry writing competition
- Police cell – ask if you can use a cell for the night. Get your work colleagues to sponsor you or your boss/director to spend the night there
- Pub crawl (fancy dress or three legged)
- Public humiliations – get the director of the company in stocks and then throw tomatoes at them – the more senior the better!
- Puppet show
- Pyjama party

Q

- Quiet time – get a local youth group to do a sponsored silence with you
- Quiz night – organize one, ask your local pubs to give you a percentage of the takings

R

- Races - three legged, egg and spoon, relay
- Radio control car racing
- Raffle – get local businesses to donate prizes
- Rapping competition
- Relatives – make the most of talented relatives who may be able to donate services, artwork etc. Get all your family to ask all of their friends to sponsor you/come along to your events too
- Rock n roll night

- **Role reversal day**

S

- **Services** – ask a hairdresser, beautician, masseur, tarot reader to come to your event and donate their proceeds or a days tips
- **Shave off your beard** – or someone elses (and get people to sponsor you)
- **Shoe shining**
- **Slimathon**
- **Smoking** – sponsored abstinence or/and donate the money you save
- **Spinathon**
- **Sponsored activities** – you and friends can walk, swim, dance, fast, bungee jump etc.
- **Sponsored bike ride, dog walking, knitting** – sponsored anything!
- **Spot the cowpat not the ball.** Use alternative picture. People pay to play – donated prize or cash
- **Street party**

T

- **Table quiz**
- **Tail** – pin the tail on the donkey. Pay to play, donated prizes
- **Talent competition**
- **Tea party**
- **Teddy bears picnic**
- **Three legged races**
- **Tin** – collection tin or bucket to take to events (get permission)
- **Treasure hunt**
- **Tug of war**
- **Twenty four hour marathon:** darts, stay awake or dancing. Sponsored or have a team competition

U

- **Underwear as outwear dares**
- **Unwanted and unused gifts** – ask friends and family, colleagues: use for prizes or car boot sale
- **Use your network of colleagues and friends to come up with ideas and help with activities**

V

- **Valet Service:** offer to clean cars inside and out for all your family, friends and colleagues
- **Variety show**
- **Volleyball marathon**

W

- **Waltz** – big band night (use old time records if you can't find a band) dinner dance, admission fee

- **Water games**
- **Wellie throwing competition**
- **Wheelbarrow racing**
- **Wine & cheese party – homemade wine, prizes and cheese donated. Guess the wines country game. Charge admission and for entering games.**

X

- **X-ercise – get your local gym to organize a work-out-a-thon**
- **Xtra, Xtra read all about it – write a press release about your activity (we can help) or write to the letters page of your local newspaper for support, sponsorship and promotion**

Y

- **Yacht race**
- **Yo Yo competition**
- **Yogathon**
- **Young and old – organize a big family reunion for all ages. Ask for donations, they're bound to vie with each other over who gives you the most**

Z

- **Zest and zeal – essential if you are going to make the best of your fundraising. Your challenge is demanding and exciting and your fundraising will make a real difference to people's lives. You should feel proud that you're doing it!**
- **Zodiac readings**