

A - Z Of fundraising ideas



a

Auction: Clothing, household goods or even favours, such as washing someone's car.

b

Ball / Dinner: Organise a ball with dinner and entertainment. You can include a raffle or auction to raise more funds. Allow plenty of time to organise and spread the word!



Barefoot Lawn Bowls: A set entry fee covers food, green fees and any extra goes toward your fundraising effort



Battle of the bands: A night of entertainment for all as local bands battle it out on stage. Charge bands to enter, offer cash prizes, sell tickets



Bingo night: It's not just for grannies!

Birthday / Christmas card drive: Design and sell your own birthday / Christmas cards to family, friends, school work colleagues



Birthday party: Instead of receiving presents, ask people to donate

Book Sale: Ask for donations and set up a stall in a local market



Bowling night: Get friends together for a bowling night, charge an entry to cover costs plus a little extra. Make the night a theme to make it more fun!

c

Cake stall: Always a winner on the weekends. Contact your local shopping centre/mall, sporting complex or community centre for permission to set up.



Car washing: Lots of fun in summer. Community and sporting centre car parks make great venues for this activity. Be sure to bring lots of buckets, sponges and hoses and a change of clothes!

Coffee mornings: Hold a coffee morning at your home or at a local community hall. Sell coffee, tea, and cakes. Maybe the event can have a raffle.



Casual Day: Through your workplace or local school (gold coin donation). Other ideas include 'crazy tie day' or 'loud shirt day', fancy dress theme days

Chocolate drives: A tasty way to raise funds!



Clothing swap shop: Organise a clothes and accessories party and auction off the items you no longer wear to the highest bidder.

Cocktail Party: If held at a bar, charge an entry price and have a set list of cocktails available for a pre-arranged amount of time. The bar benefits through bar sales further into the night and you keep ticket sales.



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d

Dance-a-thon: Have family and friends sponsor each song you can dance to.

Darts tournament: Organise a night playing darts. Challenge all the pub teams in the area to compete for cash prizes or a slab of beer (ask the pub to donate)



Dollar for dollar: Ask your employer or local business to match all the donations you raise.



e

eBay: why not get rid of all your old clutter by selling it online?



Easter egg hunt: Charge an entry fee and ask confectioners to donate the eggs.

f

Fashion show: Ask local shops to help with garments, get your friends to be models. Charge for entry and obtain a commission on any goods sold.



Fine box: Do you have work mates who constantly let expletives slip? A fine box is a great way to raise money.

g

Garage sale: A great way to clear your house of unwanted items.



Give it up: Get sponsored to give up chocolate, caffeine or your favourite afternoon snack for a month.



Golf day: Hold a golf day with friends, family or work colleagues and charge an entry fee to cover green fees, lunch and money towards fundraising. For extra money hold a 'closest to the pin' or 'hole in one' competition.



Guessing competition: How many lollies in the jar? (gold coin donation)

h

Household sale: Hold a household party and ask a group of friends to bring along old home items or appliances they no longer use to sell to each other



i

International themed: Cook and sell traditional dishes - you could even play music or show a film from the country featured.



J

Jump rope: How long can you jump rope, be sponsored for how many times you jump rope.



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K

Karaoke night: Everyone can show off his or her singing talents. The most entertaining act can win a prize. Charge a small fee for participation and admission.



L

Lawn bowls: Join your friends or workmates on a day out on the green, charging for entry of course.



Long lunch day: Get everyone to pay for the privilege of having an extra long lunch.

M

Morning tea: Set up a morning tea, lunch or afternoon tea at work in exchange for a contribution towards your fundraising goal.



Movie nights: Many cinemas open their doors to charities to screen a movie of your choice. They will set a reserve price, you set your price above that and keep the difference.



N

Night at the races: Organise an evening with famous races on video. Elect a bookie and raise money from bets and entries.



O

Odd jobs day: Offer your services to your family or neighbours for a day. Charge them for you to do all the odd jobs they haven't got around to yet.



P

Performance night: During lunch or after school, the school can show movies for a small fee or students can perform anything from a dance routine to a short play.



Picnics: Choose a theme, eg teddy bears, cook up a feast and head to your local park with friends and family for a sponsored picnic.



Poker night: Get your friends around and donate a percentage of the winnings towards your fundraising efforts (or charge for chips).



Pool night: Organise an evening playing pool, charging an entry fee

Q

Quiz night: Test your general knowledge or persuade your local pub to donate takings from a regular quiz night.



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R

Raffle: Get prizes donated.



S

Sausage sizzle: Cook up a storm on your BBQ and charge a gold coin donation for each sausage sold.



Slave for a day: Offer your services to the highest bidder.

Sports competition: Run your own five-a-side soccer, touch footie or netball tournament and have some fun with your friends and colleagues.



T

Tour: Organise a day or weekend tour for friends and family. Organise the transport, accommodation and activities. Local businesses should arrange a discount for your group and you charge a set price, some of which goes towards your fundraising



U

Ugly duckling competition: Bring in a couple of snaps of yourself from twenty years ago and hold a photo competition.

V

Video-a-thon: Instead of heading to the movies for a marathon session why not hold your own at home?



W

Wine and cheese nights: It's a great idea to host a gathering of friends in a relaxed atmosphere.



X

Xmas hampers: Make up and sell your own Christmas hampers

Y

Yoyo challenge: Collect money for the number of minutes you can keep a trick going or for the number of tricks you can perform in a certain time



Z

Z-night: Host a theme party where people have to dress up as things starting with Z