

# A-Z Fundraising Ideas

"You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give."

Winston Churchill (1874 - 1965)



**Auction** – live or on eBay - get rid of all those things clogging up your cupboards

**Antiques Fair** – root through your attic and take it along; any money goes to charity...

**Aerobics** - especially fun with retro clothes! Create a class or just a one-off.

Abseil a local landmark!

# **Arts and Crafts Day**

Have an **art exhibition** in the office - do it seriously, ask your children to paint something, or get the boss to do some silly painting.



**Book Coffee Morning**. Charge a small entrance fee for coffee and biscuits at your place, or place of work and sell the quality used books your guests bring for a good read and a great cause.

**BBQ** – invite friends and ask for a fiver (cover food and the rest for charity)

**Bike Race** 

**Barn Dance** 

**Bring & Buy Sale** 

**Bad hair/tie day** – like dress down day only much funnier!

**Bungee jump** – what a good excuse to challenge yourselves



**Cheese & Wine Party**. With just 20 people paying £5 a head, even taking off the cost of the food and drinks you can raise £60 for charity and every £60 helps!

**Car Boot Sale** – we're not advocating the sale of children though

**Carol Singing** – get all festive and enjoy!

**Christmas Cards** – buy some charity ones....FSI may have some.....

## **Computer Games Knockout**

Do something you enjoy boys: competition and computer games....!

**Cake sale** – pep up that Friday feeling with some cakes

#### **Come Dine With Me**

### Competitions -

inter-office/department tournaments - could get messy!

**Cabaret Show** – got some budding singers, actors or comedians in your office? Make a show of them!

Car wash - could be themed



**Down Under**. Friends and neighbours would love an Aussie-themed party. So stock up on the beer and fire up the Barbie!

**Disco** – organise one at work or home, don't forget the glitter ball!

**Dress Down Day** – wear your comfy jeans to work

**DVD swap shop** – everyone bring some in, borrow for a pound or two.

**Donkey Derby** – drum up some healthy rivalry between you and your local office

**Dog walking** – have you got busy friends? Keep fit and have some company

**Dance Marathon** - add some different types of dancing in – African, salsa, ballroom...



**Empty Out Your Attic**. Turn your clutter into money at a car book sale or bring and buy.

**Easter-Egg Hunt** – fantastic idea when here's chocolate at the end!

**Egg-and-Spoon Race** or other such childhood races

**Eurovision Song Contest** – Pick a country to represent and get your own Terry Wogan to host!

**Eating competition** – how many doughnuts/ hotdogs can you eat in 3 minutes?

**Eighties night/day** – don't even try and pretend there aren't some hideous clothes hiding at the back of your wardrobe!



**Film Fans** will discover that hosting a movie night with themed food and guests just adds to the magic...from cous cous and forties glamour for Casablanca, to a Greek-style knees-up for Shirley Valentine.

**Face Painting** – kids and adults love it, it's colourful and fun.

**Fashion Show** – any budding designers? Do a serious one, or raid your wardrobe for those hilarious fashion disasters!

**Fancy Dress Party** – need we say more? Heros, heroines, witches and wizards...

**Fete** – organise your own, or get a stall at the village fete.

**Flower and fruit stall** – how about popping to the shop before lunch to save people time and encourage healthy eating. Charge a slight profit for charity…!

**Food Hamper Raffle** – everyone bring an item, then buy a raffle ticket to win the lot

**Football tournament** – organise an interoffice/department tournament. Get outside, do some exercise and gain some fans!



**Green Fingers** – liven up your office and home with a plant sales.

**Game Show** – try your very own Blind Date or Blockbusters

Guess the Baby Photo Competition – this is fun: ask your office to bring in photos of themselves when young, or photos of their children, stick them up in the office, enter the competition to guess the baby photos.

**Guess How Many** – fill a sweetie jar with lots of sweets, ask people to enter to guess the number of sweets.



**Hat Day at Work**. Horns, baby bonnets, top hats, wear silly headgear and ask friends to do the same for the day and pay for the privilege.

**Halloween Party** – witches, ghosts, monsters, feel free to dress up!

**Hoopla** – set you or your colleague a challenge to keep the hoop going for 1 minute (it's harder than it looks!) or 200 loops.



**Instead of Presents** celebrate a special occasion such as a birthday or wedding – ask your guests to help you make a gift to a good cause – one that will make a difference to so many lives.

**It's a Knockout** – think of some brilliantly inventive games: bungee runs, greasy poles, water slides, huge costumes and gunge!

**I think.....** – what's your idea?



**Jelly Wellies** – Organise the squelchiest race ever – great whatever age you are.

**Jumble Sale** – raid through your wardrobe for things you don't use anymore

**Jeans At Work Day** – pay a £1 for the privilege and feel comfy all day



**Keepy Uppy** - if you've got a budding Beckham in the family, sponsor them to keep the ball in the air for as long as possible.

**Karaoke Night** – this is always good fun. Pay to nominate people for songs and they can only get out of it by matching the money! Think your boss and I'm a Barbie Girl...

**Kite flying** – the UK summer might be rubbish, but there's always a positive.....



**Local Treasure Hunt**. Your area is full of fascinating stories so dig some up and turn them into clues, then charge friends, neighbours and anyone else interested to enter a Treasure Hunt – one winner scoops the treasure but all enjoy.

**Line Dancing** – bring those boots and cowboy hats!

**Lollipop Hunt** 

 $\label{eq:Lucky Dip} \textbf{Lucky Dip} - \text{up to you what you put in it!}$ 

**Lookalike Competition** – who do you look like?



**Marathons** are not just about running. We salute those who run Marathons – dedicated, fit and an inspiration but you can all think of a Marathon you could do – Marathon on a treadmill Marathon on a bike – Marathon table tennis match - you think of it someone will sponsor you to do it. Do it in shifts.

**Musical Events** – talent show or orchestra?

# **Murder Mystery Dinner Party**

**Magic Show** – be a magician to delight your colleagues and don't forget your lovely assistant

**Masked Ball** 



**Nailbiter or chocoholic** – whatever your naughty habit, give it up with a little sponsored help from your friends.

**New Year's Eve Party** – have a party at home, save money on expensive drinks and bars - give it to charity.



**Orienteering Race** – get out in the Great Outdoors and use your navigation skills

One Hundred Club – do anything that has the number '100' in it

**Origami Class/Competition** 

**Odd jobs** – lawn mowing, DIY etc.



**Purple Hair**. Purple hair looks good and if it's for a good cause and you promise to wear it for a day, at a special occasion whatever – friends will sponsor you.

**Pancake Day** – make pancakes at work…for a charitable price of course

Pet Talent Show/Guess Who's Pet

**Penalty Shoot-Out Competition** 

**Pound Tower Competition** Get in teams or just have a pound tower in the office – get into competition with other offices to see how high theirs was before it toppled.

**Plate Painting** – make a day of it, go with friends or kids, and keep the plates as souvenirs.

**Parachute Jump** – get sponsored to do something that scares or excites you.



**Quiz Nights**. We all love them – they are popular and often hotly contested. Organise one at home or at your local pub – charge people for attending.



**Raffles**. Are simple to organise and in addition to contributions from friends, local businesses may be willing to help you with selling tickets and donating prizes

**Rapping Contest** – showcase talent, or make a fool of yourselves for fun (and charity)!



**Shopaholics**. Go on a sale challenge to find the best bargains and donate a third of the money saved.

**Sponsored Events** – walks, runs, swims, challenges....

## **Speed-Chess Competition**

**Sports Day** - organise an inter-office, or group of friends Sports day in the park, pick a colour for your team, pay a fiver to enter.....

**Swear Box** – put one in your office or home

**Silly Games Afternoon** – think space hoppers, egg and spoon race, wheel-barrow races

**Silence** – how long can your nominated person keep quiet for?



**Teddy Bear's Picnic** - wonderful fun for kids, nostalgic for adults and of course great for bears – organise one and charge for attending.

**Tea Party** – invite your friends round for a tea party, raise money for charity at the same time.

**Tombola** - bring a bottle, buy tickets...maybe win!

**Top of the Pops Show** – missing the show? Use your imagination to recreate your own.

**Tuck Shop** – the less healthy option of the fruit stall. Pop down to the shops and bring back some sweets, anyone can buy, for a tiny added price (for charity).

**Trivial Pursuit Evening** – everyone loves the board game. Charge a small entry fee and play away!

**Theme Days** – maybe Superheroes or Hawaiian Shirts



**Unwanted presents** – we all receive those hideous gifts at Christmas so get together with friends, have a giggle and a sale, or eBay them and donate the money.

**Up the Bidding** - with charity bid or poker nights.

**University Challenge** – nominate your very own Jeremy Paxman



**Valentine** – St. Valentine's Day is an ideal time for flirty fundraisers to organise a party or dinner, ball or kissathon.

**Variety Show** – it might not be Royal but it'll be fun!



Wine to Whisky. What's that strange purple cocktail at the back of the drinks cupboard (check it's not methylated spirits!)? Collect all your unopened bottles – the ones you don't even intend to open – ask your friends to do the same and run a tombola – throw in other items, dinner and music it's a great night out.

**Wimbledon Tennis Party -** Pimms and strawberries; need we say more?

**Wishing Well** – create your own in the office, People love to through coins into water



**X Marks the spot** when you draw up a pirate's map and ask people to pay 50p for a guess. Treasure ahoy!

**X-Files Day** – the truth is out there.....



**You will find** friends, colleagues and the general public really willing to support you if you're raising funds for a great cause so don't hold back get out there and fundraise and know that you are making a real difference in the lives of so many people.

Yacht Regatta - dress up and watch.

**Yoga** – anyone in the office know how to do it? Relax at lunch with a class.



**ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ**. When the funds are raised, you can relax.....once the money's been counted and banked and the last thing you hear is **THANK YOU** for being a fantastic fundraiser and a fantastic supporter.

