



**DO YOUR OWN THING**

**A-Z fundraising ideas**

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## **Abseil**

Scale the dizzy heights of a local landmark.

## **Aerobics**

Organise a sponsored aerobathon with the help of gyms, leisure centres and sports shops

## **Afternoon Tea**

Put the kettle on and get baking. Entertain guests with raffles, auctions, tombola's & live music.

## **Arts/Crafts Stall**

Make Necklaces, dried flower arrangements, stained glass mirrors, etc, to sell on a stall

## **Art Exhibition**

Stage an exhibition for local artists. Charge entrance fee and commission.

## **Auction**

Auction off original items, taking a percentage of sales.

## **Auction of**

## **Services**

Auction services of people and businesses - anything from singing lessons to dinner for two.

# b

## **Badge Making**

Make badges to sell at work, to friends or at craft fairs.

## **Bad tie day**

Charge your colleagues a pound to come in wearing their loudest tie. Award the winner.

## **Balloon Rides**

Offer as a prize for raffle/auction or sell trips in a chartered balloon.

## **Barbecue**

Add stereo, football and rounders bats and make it a whole day's event.

## **Beat the Goalie**

Score a goal and win a prize. Footballers pay to enter.

## **Bed Push**

The 'bed' can be anything from a hospital bed to a four-poster or even a 3-piece suite!

## **Bingo**

Hold a one-off evening or regular morning sessions.

## **Board Games Evening**

Invite friends over to play Scrabble, Monopoly, Cluedo and more. Charge entrance or game fee.

## **Boat Race Book Sale**

Teams build model boats and race them.

Sell old books, collected from everyone you know. Book dealers may buy leftover stock.

## **Bungee Jump**

Raise sponsorship by flying in the face of fear.

# **C**

## **Cake Stall**

Hold a traditional cake stand at fetes or fairs. Check health and safety regulations!

## **Calendars**

Design & sell a pictorial calendar for your company.

## **Candle making**

Make and sell candles at craft fairs or coffee mornings.

## **Car boot sale**

Cash in your old belongings or sell pitches. Raise more with bouncy castles, raffles, etc.

## **Car treasure hunt**

Drive from clue to clue in search of the 'treasure'. Teams pay to enter.

## **Car wash Carnival**

Wash your friend's cars and ask them for a donation!

Arrange a colourful carnival for your town, charging for each float entered.

## **Charity ball**

Raise sponsorship the sophisticated way. Organise a themed ball with DJ or live music at a hotel or nightclub. Charge for tickets but boost your earnings with games and raffles.

## **Charity push**

Get sponsored to cover a set distance in a bed, shopping trolley, bathtub, wheelie bin...

## **Children's party**

Organise children's parties or activities but be sure to check relevant childcare practices.

## **Classic car show**

Well-organised classic car and bike shows are great crowd pullers and fantastic fundraisers.

<b>Coconut shy</b>	Easily arranged game for traditional fairs. All you need are a few coconuts and wooden balls.
<b>Coffee morning</b>	It's open house for the morning. Make extra with raffles, bring and buy sales and cake stalls.
<b>Concerts</b>	Entertain the crowds with your own recital or hire bands of musicians.
<b>Cookery demo</b>	Invite well-known chefs to share the recipe of their success with a ticket-paying audience.
<b>Copper collection</b>	Ask people to donate their collections of one and two pence pieces.
<b>Crossword contest</b>	Compile huge crossword, so punters pay per clue. Each number hides a ticket for prize draw.

# d

<b>Dance</b>	Barn dances, tea dances, disco dances, salsa dances - whatever rocks your boat.
<b>Darts tournament</b>	Challenge all the pub teams in the area to compete for cash prizes, or a barrel of beer.
<b>Dinner and cabaret</b>	Hire a popular and spacious restaurant. Entertain ticket holders with music, comedy & magic.
<b>Disco</b>	Spin the decks or hire a DJ to stage a themed disco night.
<b>Dog show</b>	Charge proud pet-owners to show off their pooches. Ask pet shops to sponsor the event.
<b>Duck race</b>	Sell numbered plastic ducks and launch them from a bridge. The duck to finish first wins.

# e

**Eating marathon** Get sponsored to stuff your face with as many baked beans/grapes/pies etc. as possible.

**Eyebrows** Get sponsored to shave them off - they grow back eventually!

# f

**Face painting** Get creative with face paints at fetes, fairs and children's parties.

**Fancy dress** Jazz up your event with a fancy-dress contest. Charge entrance fee.

**Fashion show** Ask businesses to sponsor venue, outfits or catwalk. Charge admission and sales commission.

**Film evening** Recreate an evening of vintage cinema by showing classic films and musicals.

**Flower arranging** Make your own fresh, dried or silk arrangements to sell at craft fairs or fetes. Always popular. Boost funds with competitions, advice corners & side stalls.

**Foreign coins** Ask people to donate their leftover holiday coins. Change into sterling once you have enough.

**Fun day** Arrange games, music, competitions and stalls at a nearby hall or sports club.

**Furniture sale** Hire a large hall to sell donated furniture and old office equipment. Take sales commission.

# g

## **Game show**

Host mock version of Who Wants To Be A Millionaire or The Weakest Link. Otherwise adapt board games for big audiences, and get prizes donated.

## **Garage sale**

Sell off all your unwanted belongings.

## **Garden party**

Sell tickets or invite guests to make a donation.

## **Gardening**

Offer your gardening services to friends and family.

## **Greeting cards**

Find out about selling Chanukah cards for FFZY. Make and sell cards for every occasion.

## **Guided tours**

Take tourists and visitors on locally guided walks or trips.

# h

## **Head shave**

Sick of bad hair days? Go bald for FFZY.

# i

## **Indoor market**

Rent out stalls to local traders or take cut of profits.

## **Ironing**

Offer your ironing services - at a cost.

## **It's a knockout**

Revive the 80s game show by inviting teams to compete in silly games in silly costumes.

# j

## **Jailbreak**

Dump teams in the middle of nowhere. With no money or transport, see who gets back to base first. Charge entrance fees and offer prizes.

## **Jazz festival**

Play your own brand of jazz or stage a show for local musicians. Sell tickets and refreshments.

## **Jewellery making**

Buy your own beads and get threading. Sell your products at markets and craft fairs.

# k

## **Karaoke**

Arrange your own Pop Idol contest. All you need is a machine, a room and a well-stocked bar.

# l

## **Left-handed day**

Try doing everything with your left hand for the day.

## **Line dancing**

It's all the rage. Just make sure you have a caller and plenty of drink!

# m

## **Marathons**

Get sponsored to run a traditional 25-mile race.

## **Medieval**

## **evening**

Themed evening of medieval food, jousting and entertainment.

## **Mile of**

## **pennies**

Make a mile of pennies in your town centre. Ask shoppers to help by donating their coins.

## **Mini-Olympics**

Invite everyone you know to compete in traditional & silly sports. Charge entry.

## **Mufti day**

Introduce dress down day at work. Colleagues pay a fee to leave their suits at home.

## **Music concert**

Entertain the crowds with your own recital or hire bands of musicians.

# n

## **Nature trail**

Offer guided walks to natural beauty spots.

## **New year**

## **resolutions**

Get sponsored to stick to your new year's resolutions.

# O

## **Open garden**

Open your garden to visitors. Sell tickets, refreshments, plants and vegetables.



- Opera night** Stage an opera evening in your area or arrange a trip to see a big London production.
- Outward bound** Go climbing, hiking, camping, etc, in preparation for your trip. Seek sponsorship.

## p

- Paintballing** Organise paintballing challenges at locally run centres. Players pay to enter.
- Pantomime** Your chance to play the ugly sister. Stage a production with friends, family and colleagues.
- Parachute jump** Daredevils only. Get sponsored to take the plunge
- Personalised gifts** Sell uniquely personalised gifts for special occasions
- Pick a cork** Fair game. Pick a numbered cork out of a board. If the number's a winner, claim a prize.
- Picture framing** Frame and sell prints of local scenes, or pictures relevant to your charity. Sell donated plants or rent out pitches to traders.
- Plant a tree** Seek sponsors for a "plant a tree" scheme.
- Pledges** Gather pledges of support, donations and services. These could be auctioned or raffled off.
- Private tuition** Whether it's French or Flamenco, sell your skills with private lessons as raffle tickets.

## q

- Quizzes** If your local doesn't run a pub quiz, set one up. Test the regulars on pop, trivial or sport.

# r

<b>Raffle</b>	Ask local firms to donate prizes and sell tickets. Check raffle laws with your local authority.
<b>Raft race</b>	Teams compete by building their rafts and racing over a set distance. Teams pay to compete.
<b>Ramble</b>	Take to the countryside for a mass walkabout. Throw in a theme (fancy dress, singles, three legged, Easter), and charge for entry and refreshments.
<b>Recipe book</b>	Publish favourite recipes from local restaurants and chefs.
<b>Refreshments</b>	Sell teas, coffees, sandwiches, biscuits, cakes, etc, at any fundraising event
<b>Roll-a-coin</b>	Fair game where player rolls a coin down a chute, aiming to land on a playing card.

# S

<b>Scavenger hunt</b>	Variation on the treasure hunt where participants have a list of items to collect.
<b>Shoe shine</b>	Get down on your knees at your nearest train station or shopping centre.
<b>Silver collections</b>	Ask supporters to donate their loose change collections.
<b>Skydiving</b>	Free fall your way back to earth - for sponsorship
<b>Slippery pole</b>	Fair game where competitors pillow fight while sliding along a slippery pole.
<b>Sponsored silence</b>	Mum's the word. Stay silent for as long as you can.
<b>Stationary cycle</b>	Don't fancy the map reading? Forget cycling to Paris but cover the same distance at the gym.
<b>Swear box</b>	Spend a £1 for every \$@*£\$! uttered. Put a box at home, at work and at the pub.
<b>Swimathon</b>	Get sponsored per length, mile, minute, hour...

# t

<b>Table top sale</b>	Indoor variation on the car boot sale. Charge for table hire.
<b>Talent competition</b>	Discover Britain's next big thing with your own talent show. Charge entry and offer prizes.
<b>Ten-pin bowling</b>	Bowling alleys often have special rates for big groups & charity evenings.
<b>Tin can alley</b>	Traditional fair game. Knock down the stack of tin cans and win a prize.
<b>Tombola</b>	Pick a raffle ticket out of a barrel and match it with a ticketed prize. Fair & fete favourite!
<b>Treasure hunt</b>	Sniffing out the clues, teams compete against each other to discover the 'hidden treasure'.
<b>T-shirts &amp; clothing</b>	Market your charity by producing a range of promotional clothing.
<b>Tuck shop</b>	Sell sweets, crisps, cake, drinks, etc, at a children's event.

# V

<b>Variety show</b>	Comedians, magicians, singers, dancers & musicians all under one roof.
<b>Vehicle rally</b>	Well-organised car and bike shows are great crowd pullers and fantastic fundraisers.
<b>Visits</b>	Organising visits to local places or tourist destinations.

# W

## **Walks**

Lead organised walks to historical spots and places of interest. Ghost walks are also popular.

## **Water sports**

Let others splash out as you splash in. Teach water sports or get sponsored to take part.

## **Waxing**

A hair-raising experience for the boys. Get sponsored to wax your legs or chest.

## **Weight of the cake**

Fair game. Pay to guess the weight - and win the cake if you're right.

## **Welly throwing**

Fun for every fete and fair. Throwers compete to see whose welly goes furthest.

## **Windscreen wash**

Charge to wash windscreens to your friends and family cars.

## **Woodcutting**

Offer to prune trees or chop firewood for friends and family.

# Z

## **Zodiac evening**

Invite a guest astrologer for a star-studded fundraiser. Charge for entry and horoscopes.

If you want to organise your own fundraising event and need some help, please contact us  
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