

Fundraising Ideas



- ☆ **Afternoon Tea**
Organise a tea party at your house. Ask neighbours to bring cakes, biscuits and drinks and charge for entry or ask a minimum donation from each guest.
- ☆ **Alternative Gift!**
You could request donations instead of gifts for an anniversary, birthday, Christmas or wedding.
- ☆ **Arm Everyone with Information**
Make simple business cards including information about your fundraising activity, your name, address, how to donate (don't forget to mention donating online via Justgiving) and give them out to everyone you know!
- ☆ **Auction of Promises**
Ask guests to donate a gift, the promise of their time (which may be linked to their profession, e.g. window cleaning, car washing or gardening), or pledge the use of their belongings (for instance if they have a flashy car). You can even ask people to donate themselves as 'slaves for a day'!
- ☆ **BBQ**
Hold a BBQ or buffet for friends – they'll be happy to make a donation and eat as much as they can!
- ☆ **Be Handy!**
Be handy for the day, charging people a fee for odd jobs e.g. fixing a tap, ironing, washing the car, hoovering, baby-sitting, pet-sitting, house-sitting, watering the garden. The possibilities are endless!
- ☆ **Bring a Pound to Work Day**
Ask all your colleagues to bring just a pound to work in aid of your fundraising event.
- ☆ **Charge for Favours**
Every time someone asks you for a favour, charge them for it!
- ☆ **Competitions**
Cheese tasting, blind wine-tasting, 'guess the weight of the baby', 'guess the number of sweets in the jar' – these are all great ways to get people involved.
- ☆ **Don't Forget...**
Don't forget about your dentist, yoga instructor, hair stylist etc. You've given them enough money, now it's their turn!
- ☆ **Ebay**
Have a clear-out at home and sell bits on Ebay with the proceeds going towards your fundraising.
- ☆ **Fancy Dress Party**
Hold a Halloween, Valentine or Christmas party according to the time of year. Sell tickets to your guests or ask for a minimum donation and get it Gift Aided.
- ☆ **Fantastic Fundraising Meals!**
Use your cooking skills to hold a fundraising meal at home. If you know a local restaurateur, why not ask them to provide a simple menu for £10 and sell tickets for £15 - £20 to family and friends.
- ☆ **Five a Side**
Get friends and work colleagues to compete in a five-a-side football tournament. You could ask team members for an entry fee and also charge the spectators to watch the game!
- ☆ **Glass Jar**
A place for all your loose change, every penny counts!
- ☆ **Goin' Underground**
Hold a tube party and get people to dress up as their favourite Underground station, eg High Barnet – put your hair up! Ask guests to make a donation or charge an entry fee.
- ☆ **Go Without!**
Give up something you would really miss, like chocolate or smoking, and get people to sponsor you for each day that you manage to go without.
- ☆ **Host a Dinner Party**
See if you can get food and wine donated or ask guests to bring a course or make a donation.
- ☆ **Karaoke Evening**
Ask a local pub to host one for you and charge people for entry or to take part.

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- ☆ **Lucky Dip**
A small-scale fundraiser at fairs and party occasions, which is very popular with children. Disguise the gifts in the container by filling it with sawdust or strips of paper.
- ☆ **Lunch Money**
Ask all your colleagues to bring sandwiches for their lunch and donate the money saved.
- ☆ **Match the Pet to the Owner**
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 with a prize for the winner.
- ☆ **Matched Giving**
Find out if your company has a matched-giving scheme. Many companies will match £1 for £1 (up to a set amount) for employees who take part in fundraising for charity.
- ☆ **Night at the Movies**
Hold a movie party. Every time a specific word is said in the film, people put 20p in a pledge bowl.
- ☆ **Night in for Charity**
Stay in for an evening you'd normally go out and donate the money saved to the charity.
- ☆ **One Day's Silence**
Works well for people who have lots of self-discipline!
- ☆ **Photograph Competition**
Invite your friends to get their baby photos out and pay £1 a go to 'guess the baby'.
- ☆ **Plant Sale**
For you keen gardeners out there, why not grow some plants and sell them at work or to family and friends. People could also contribute cuttings and plants to sale.
- ☆ **Raffle or tombola**
Hold a raffle at work or between your friends, and get prizes donated.
- ☆ **Recipe Book**
Compile a recipe book to sell to friends, colleagues and family.
- ☆ **Roll back the years!**
Hold a '20s party, a '50s rock n' roll dance or an '80s disco – pick your favourite decade!
- ☆ **Rollover Lottery Bonus Ball**
Participants pay £1 each and select a number (1-49). If that number comes up as the Wednesday Bonus Ball, they receive a share of the profits e.g. if you sell all 49 numbers the winner receives £25 and the remaining £24 goes to the charity! This can be done each week or for as long as you wish.
- ☆ **Sale**
Do you have books or CDs you no longer want? Why not hold a boot sale at home or at work and raise money. You could even bake some cakes and sell them too.
- ☆ **Sponsored Events**
This could be anything: slimming, beard shaving, jogging, barn-dancing, line-dancing (with live music), food-eating (eggs, beans, spaghetti!).
- ☆ **Still a Big Kid?**
Eat jelly beans with a cocktail stick – how many can you cram in? Encourage others to guess and run a sweepstake!
- ☆ **Still got a Full Head of Hair?**
Shave it off for St Michael's Hospice. For the not so brave, try a beard or moustache instead!
- ☆ **Teach and Charge**
You could offer to teach people a sport, craft, language and charge them to learn.
- ☆ **Tournament**
You could hold a Chess, Scrabble or Playstation tournament between friends. Ask them to pay a fee to enter with a prize for the winner.
- ☆ **Wine & Cheese Tasting Evening**
Invite an 'expert' or local wine dealer to bring a few cases of wine and donate some of the proceeds to charity.