

A - Z Fundraising Ideas

A

Abseil	Scale the dizzy heights of a local landmark or office block.
Afternoon tea	Put the kettle on and get baking. Entertain guests with raffles, tombolas and live music. (See poster)
Art exhibition	Stage an exhibition for local artists. Charge entrance fee and commission.
Auction of services	Auction services of people and businesses - anything from singing lessons to dinner for two.

B

Barn dance	Swing into action by hiring a caller and traditional country band. Serve food and plenty of cider.
Battle of the Bands	Contest for unsigned bands, where audience votes on the winner. Charge bands to enter and offer cash prizes. Sell tickets and set up a paying bar.
Beat the Goalie	Score a goal and win a prize. Footballers pay to enter.
Bike ride	Work out a scenic route and arrange a sponsored bike ride. (See poster)
Bungee jump	Raise funds by flying in the face of fear.
Burns night	Theme evening with Scottish dancing, haggis, neeps and tatties.

C

Cake stall	Hold a traditional cake stand at fetes or fairs. Check health and safety regulations. (See poster)
Car boot sale	Cash in your old belongings, or sell pitches. (See poster)
Charity ball	Raise money 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.
Cheese and wine tasting	Ask local suppliers to provide some of the cheese and wine. Sell tickets in advance.
Coffee morning	It's open house for the morning. Make extra with raffles, bring and buy sales and cake stalls. (See poster)

D

Danceathon	Organise an all-day event (e.g. disco) where participants are sponsored for every hour they stay on the dance floor.
Dog show	Charge proud pet-owners to show off their pooches. Ask pet shops to sponsor the event.

E

Eating marathon	Get sponsored to stuff your face with as many cakes/pies etc., as possible.
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F

Fancy dress	Jazz up your event with a fancy dress contest. Charge entrance fee.
Film night	Invite friends and family round to watch a film. Charge for popcorn!
Flower show	Always popular. Boost funds with competitions, advice corners and stalls.

G

Garden party	Sell tickets or invite guests to make a donation.
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H

Head shave	Sick of bad hair days? Go bald for charity.
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I

Ironing	Offer your ironing services - at a cost.
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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.
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K

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

Line dancing	Make sure you have a caller and plenty of drink!
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M

Marathon	Get sponsored to run a 26-mile or a 13-mile race.
Mufti day	Introduce dress down day at work. Colleagues pay a fee to leave their suits at home.

N

National days	Choose your own themed day (Australian, Italian, Irish (St Patrick's)) to coincide with that country's national holiday.
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O

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

Parachute jump	Daredevils only. Get sponsored to take the plunge.
Pub games night	Stage a championship of traditional pub games - darts, skittles, cards, etc.

Q

Quiz	Run a quiz at your local pub. Test the regulars on pop, trivia or sport.
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R

Raffle	Ask local firms to donate prizes and sell tickets. Check raffle laws.
Ramble	Take to the countryside for a mass walkabout. Throw in a theme and charge for entry and refreshments.

S

Safari supper	Travel from house to house, having a different course at each stop. Ask friends to lend their house and set a cover charge to include all food and money for the charity. (See poster)
Sponsored silence	Mum's the word. Stay silent for as long as you can.
Swear box	Spend a £1 for every \$@*£\$! uttered. Put a box at home, at work and at the pub.

T

Talent show	Discover Britain's next big thing with your own talent show. Charge entry and offer prizes.
Toga party	Everyone must dress up as a Roman, a gladiator, or a Roman slave.
Treasure hunt	Sniffing out the clues, teams compete against each other to discover the 'hidden treasure'.

U

Unwanted presents	Arrange a post-Christmas sale of unwanted gifts. Ask traders to donate a cut of their takings.
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V

Variety show	Comedians, magicians, singers, dancers and musicians all under one roof.
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W

Waxing	A hair-raising experience for the boys. Get sponsored to wax your legs or chest.
Whiskey raffle	Charge a pound a ticket, and pick a winner for every 25 sold. Check licensing and raffle laws.

X

Xmas evening	Stock up on crackers, pudding and mince pies. Break with tradition by holding it in July!
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Y

Yacht racing	Participate in regional or national events. Seek sponsorship from local clubs and businesses.
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Z

Zodiac evening	Invite a guest astrologer. Charge for entry and horoscopes.
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