

## A-Z of Fundraising

### **A**

**Aerobics-athon** - To stay fit and healthy, organise an aerobics-athon.

**Arts and crafts fair** - Put your creative talents into action and sell your works of art at a craft fair.

**Auction** - Organise your own fundraising auction. Why not auction off your talents for the day or donate a percentage of funds raised through an EBay auction?

### **B**

**Bake off!** - Get your friends, colleagues, parish or group to bake cakes, pies and biscuits, and see who can produce the tastiest sponge. Sell what's left after the judges have done their tasting.

**Bad Tie day** - Look in your dad's wardrobe for those outdated ties and dazzle your friends. Pay to display the outrageous tie. Your friends could pay to have the offending tie removed.

**Battle of the bands** - Challenge those budding musicians to a battle of the bands and put on a concert to raise money. You could also raise money with a "pay to leave" policy.

**Beat the goalie** - Challenge your friends to a beat the goalie competition. Pay to play.

**Bring and buy sale** - Sell donated goods on a stall. Cakes, books, home-made jam, bric-a-brac and fairtrade goods are firm favourites.

**Bike ride** - Pedal for Mosaic! Why not organise a bike ride and turn it into a sponsored event? Set up a sponsorship page on JustGiving, Local Giving, Virgin Money or download your sponsorship form.

**Bingo** - Organise a bingo event – devise your own calls for the numbers. Charge a fee per game.

### **C**

**Carol Service** - Have a rousing carol singing fundraiser! Bring people together to raise their voices whilst also raising funds to transform the lives of people overseas.

**Christmas cards** - Design your own Christmas cards to sell to your friends and family or use a poster to send Christmas messages as an alternative to buying cards. Remember to donate the funds you save!

**Colour theme days** - Bring a bit of colour into your day and raise money at the same time! Get your friends to dress in their favourite colours for a donation. Set a football, season or country theme.

**Collection tins** – Contact us for a collection tin to go in your local shop, café, business.

**Coppers** - Collect all those unwanted coppers that weigh down your pockets – small change can make a big difference.

**Cook up a storm** - If you're a budding Master Chef, cook up some treats using these Big Share recipes or something out of the Friday Suppers cookbook and sell them to friends and family, or put your own original recipes into a cookbook to sell.

**Crazy Sock Day** – Join us on our annual fundraiser for supporters of Mosaic. Schools, offices, businesses with silly socks, donate £1 or double up and donate £2 a pair!

**Car wash** - Charge your teachers, friends and family to wash their cars.

**Chocolate ban** - Give up chocolate for a day, a week or a month and give the cash you save to us.

## D

**Dancing** - Put on those dancing shoes and disco the night away. Remember to charge an entry fee. Or go further and dance all day in a sponsored dance-athon.

**Dress down day** - Ditch the uniform or the suit and dress in your comfiest outfit.

## E

**Enterprise Days** - Put on your Apprentice heads and come up with the marketing idea of the century! Create and sell the product you have designed.

**Eating baked beans with a cocktail stick** - Challenge your friends to a baked bean eating competition – how many can you eat in a minute using only a cocktail stick?

**Egg and spoon race** - Are you up for an egg and spoon challenge? Race your friends and family. No cheating now!

**Egg painting competition** - Don't waste those eggs after the race – turn them into works of art. Sell them to raise money for us.

## F

**Fancy dress** - Go crazy with the fashion ideas and create a zany masterpiece to wear for the day. Prizes for the most outrageous and colourful costumes.

**Five a side football** - Challenge your mates or your teachers to a five a side tournament as part of a football fundraiser. Each team pays to play.

**Film night** - Create your own cinema and hold a film night for family and friends. Sell popcorn and drinks and charge an entry fee. Theme the night on your favourite type of film!

**Face painting competition** - Put your artistic talents to good use and paint people's faces. You could have a themed face painting day such as of animals or characters from a book. Remember to charge for your works of face painting art.

**Fun run** - Dust off your running shoes and run for fun.

## G

**Guess who the baby is (from photos)** – Do a twist on the classic baby photo game by collecting some baby photos of famous celebrities and charging your friends to guess who they are.

**Give it up!** - Get sponsored to go without something. Give up speaking for a day, computer games for a week, chocolate for a month, or give up magazines for the whole of Lent!

**Guess the number of ...**(balloons in a car, sweets in a jar) - Have a lot of fun challenging your friends to guess the quantity in the jar or car.

**Guess the weight of...** (cake, teddy) - Quiz your friends on the weight of the cake – 50p a guess.

**Games:** scrabble, chess, trivial pursuits etc - For all those who love the challenge of a board game – why not have a marathon board game tournament? Either pay to play or get sponsored.

## H

**Hula Hoop Contest** - How many times can you spin the hula hoop? Organise a hula hoop-athon. Don't forget to get sponsored by the spin, or the length of time you keep the hoop going.

**Hair beading, braiding and plaiting** - Put your creative talents to good use.

## I

**International evening** - Hold a themed international night and decorate your hall with flags from across the globe. Use these Big Share recipes to serve different national dishes and entertain your guests with world music. Why not also hold a quiz and test your friends' geographical knowledge? Charge an entry fee.

**It's a Knockout** - Organise an It's a Knockout competition – fun for all the family. Either make it a sponsored event or pay to play. Set up a sponsorship page on JustGiving, Local Giving, Virgin Money or download your sponsorship form.

## J

**Jumble sales** - Reduce, reuse and recycle – the perfect opportunity to hold a jumble sale. See if you can turn your trash into cash.

**Jewellery** making/selling - Put your creative jewellery making skills to good use and hold a sale with what you make. Share your skills with others and teach your friends how to make that perfect accessory.

**Joke-athon** - Have your friends in stitches with a joke-athon. How long can you keep your friends laughing? If the jokes are really bad, make them pay a fee to leave.

## K

**Kite flying** - When the wind is right get those kites into the air. The kite that stays up the longest wins. Why not design your own kites and get sponsored too?

**Karaoke** - Impress your friends with your singing ability – try out your favourite tunes. Pay per tune.

**Knitting competition** - How long is that scarf? Challenge your friends to a knit-off. You could sell or auction your work of art too.

## L

**Line dancing** - Friends and family can have hours of fun with a line dancing event. You could even organise a line dance-athon. Charge a fee to take part.

## **M**

**Musical evening** - Show off your talents and organise an evening of musical entertainment - ask those attending to pay what they think it's worth.

## **N**

**Nominate a teacher** – to have their legs, beard or head shaved. - Challenge a teacher / youth leader to have a shave or wax for a good cause. Remember that they should get sponsored too, or charge people a fee to watch it happen.

**Nearly new sale** - Outgrown those jeans? Only worn something once? Why not sell or swap your unwanted things with your friends? Pay £2 for each item you take.

**Name the teddy** - Does your mascot need a name? Charge your mates to come up with the most interesting suggestion. You could raffle the teddy at the end too.

**Netball tournament** - Challenge your friends, teachers or parish to a netball tournament. To add to the fun, why not play your matches in fancy dress too?

## **O**

**Obstacle course** - Have fun with an obstacle course and get sponsored too. Set up a sponsorship page on JustGiving, Local Giving, Virgin Money or download your sponsorship form.

**Odd clothes day** - Turn your non-uniform day into an odd clothes day – mix up those socks and clash for cash.

**Odd job Day** - Charge a fee for all those odd jobs around the house that need doing.

**Olympics sports day** - Let the Games inspire your inner athlete.

## **P**

**Penalty shoot-out** - Show off your skills in a sponsored shoot out as part of a football fundraiser.

**Photo competitions** - If you're a budding photographer, hold a competition for interesting snaps. All entrants to pay a fee.

**Pancake race** - Hold your own pancake race – challenge your friends and family.

**Pin the tail on the donkey** - Challenge your friends to a pin the tail on the donkey. Remember to blindfold them - and no cheating! Pay to play.

**Pantomime** - Putting on a pantomime? Why not take a collection for us as people leave? Get in touch with us to order collection tins and t-shirts.

**Plant sale** - For those with green fingers, sell your produce in a plant sale, or organise a Big Dig

**Poetry reading** - Organise a poetry recital and invite your friends and family. Why not hold a themed poetry event, or use poems from your favourite poet? Set yourself the challenge of reciting your poem from memory. £1 per line – the longer the poem the more you raise.

**PTA coffee morning** - Get the Mums and Dads to organise a coffee morning – and why not make it a Fairtrade event too? You could combine it with a 'bring and buy' sale.

## Q

**Quiet in the classroom** - sponsored silence - Make your teacher happy by remaining quiet for a few hours, or even a whole day. Remember to get sponsored too with JustGiving, Local Giving, Virgin Money or download our sponsorship form.

**Quizzes** - Create your own quiz to test your friends' knowledge. Hold a PTA or parish quiz night and raise money for us by charging per entrant.

## R

**Raffles** - Get friends and family or local businesses to donate prizes and raffle them off to raise funds.

**Read-athon** - How many books can you read over a short period of time? Get sponsored per page or, for fast readers, per book. Set up a sponsorship page on JustGiving, Local Giving, Virgin Money or download your sponsorship form.

**Relays** - Organise a sponsored relay race. Add a bit of variety into the race and create an obstacle relay. Set up a sponsorship page on JustGiving, Local Giving, Virgin Money or download your sponsorship form.

**Rounders tournament** - Challenge your friends and teachers to a rounders match. Remember it is pay to play.

## S

**Samba or Salsa Dancing** - Put on those dancing shoes and find a partner! Collect donations to take part.

**Soak the priest/teacher** - See if you can convince your priest, teachers or youth leaders to get in the stocks and get wet! Get people to pay per sponge.

**Students vs. students tug of war** - A fun way to compete with staff at school – challenge them to a tug of war. Each team pays a fee.

**Stalls** - Set up a variety of stalls, from plants or cakes to recycled goods, and create your own mini £1 bazaar.

**Sponsored ideas / events** – dye hair green / walk - Remember when organising a fundraising event to think about adding a sponsorship element – it's a great way of collecting your money. Think of clever ideas that your friends and family can sponsor you for and don't forget your sponsorship page!

**Swim-athon** - Swim the distance for Mosaic. Get sponsored per length... or per mile!

## T

**Talent contest** - Hold a contest to showcase the talents of your friends and family! Organise a collection or charge at the door for entry.

**24 hour fast** - How long do you usually go without eating? Why not give up something you really enjoy for 24 hours? Get sponsored too.

**Tombola** - Get friends and family to donate gifts and organise a tombola. Only numbers ending in 0 or 5 will win a prize!

**Treasure Hunt** - Create a treasure hunt and challenge your friends to find what you have hidden. Pay to play.

**Three legged race** - Team up with a friend and challenge other pairs to a three legged race. To make it more fun, why not do it in fancy dress too? Each team pays to play.

## U

**Uniform free day** - Ditch the uniform for a fee.

**Ugly face pulling competition** - A prize for the most outrageous face – make sure you get photographic evidence! Each entrant pays to play.

## W

**Walk** - Organise a sponsored walk for Mosaic or undertake a pilgrimage.

**Welly throwing competition** - Put your shot put skills to the test and see how far those wellies will go.

**Word search** - Create a themed word search and challenge your friends and family. Remember to charge a fee.

**World food day** - Get together with friends and prepare and sell different dishes from around the world.

## X

**X-Factor Competition** - Celebrate all your talents by putting on a show – Britain's definitely got talent. Organise your own talent show and invite friends and family too.

## Y

**Yo-yo competition** - Have you got a talent for yo-yoing? Then put your skill to good use and get sponsored.

**Yodelling competition** - If yodelling is your thing, then either get friends to pay you not to do it, or get sponsored instead!

## Z

**Zoo quiz** - Create a zoological quiz and test your friends' and family's knowledge of the animal kingdom. Remember to charge a fee too.

**Zany clothes day** - Instead of a dress down day, dress up! Charge a fee and wear a zany costume that will brighten everyone's day!