**Top Fundraising Ideas**

Sometimes the hardest thing about fundraising is deciding what you should do. Here are some ideas to get you thinking. Once you decide on what you’d like to do, please let us know as we can help you with advertising your event, sponsorship forms and promotional materials. As you start planning your fundraiser, please visit the [Code of Fundraising Practice](https://www.fundraisingregulator.org.uk/code) for important information about regulations and safety, for example if you are involved in any of the following: raffles, bingo, door to door collecting or street collections as well as the sale of alcohol, food, toys, used electrical goods, bingo, door to door collecting. Your local council will be able to advise you in some cases.

**From Home or in a Hired Hall**

1. Auction of donated items
2. Auction of services/promises (get people to offer their time to do things they are particularly good at i.e. home decorating, cooking a meal, gardening
3. Big 0 Birthday party. Request donations instead of presents
4. Bridge party
5. Bring and buy sales
6. Collect small change
7. Competitions with entry fees e.g. gamesmaster challenge
8. Donate and sell second-hand books/records/clothes
9. Form a 100 club. 100 people pay in a small amount each week, 50% of money is  
   given out as 1st and 2nd prize, the rest is given to charity.
10. Garage sales
11. Holiday help service. Look after someone’s pets, water their plants or just keep  
    an eye on their home, with a donation to charity
12. Language classes (fees to charity)
13. Make and sell toys
14. Sell bedding plants and flowers
15. Selling stuff on eBay
16. Silent auction
17. Slimming club. Meeting fee to Barth Syndrome UK and sponsored weight loss
18. Sponsored knit/knit garments to order
19. Spring clean your wardrobe/house and sell to your friends
20. Swearbox
21. Sweepstakes for baby’s weight or time of birth

**Hospitality and Cooking**

1. Cake sales. Sell the beautifully printed recipe for extra cash
2. Host a lunch and ask your guests to make a donation of their choice
3. Coffee mornings
4. Compile a recipe book and sell it to staff and friends
5. Cream teas in your garden
6. Food demonstrations
7. Garden parties
8. Private charity dinners (invite friends to dinner on the understanding that they will  
   “pay”)
9. Sell your homemade jam, pickles, chutney
10. Tupperware (and similar) parties. The host’s gift can be obtained in cash for the charity

**Use your Gardening Skills**

1. Gardening for neighbours
2. Grow plants to sell.
3. Offer to mow a neighbour’s lawn for one summer
4. Sell excess fruit and veg at your gate

**At a Hall / Fete**

1. Barn dance
2. Bingo night
3. Children’s party with entry fee
4. Choir/band concert- Ask a choir/ brass band to give a concert. They are usually happy to do so. You will need to organise a venue and find an audience – i.e. sell tickets!
5. Craft show
6. Fashion shows
7. Have a charity ball.
8. Photographic competition and sale of entries
9. Quizzes
10. Race night
11. Special “theme” dances/discos
12. Talent show
13. Tombola

**Sports and Outdoors or at the Pub**

1. Charity cricket match (and other sports)
2. Darts tournament
3. Fancy dress pub crawls, walks
4. Fishing competition
5. Five-a-side football leagues and competition
6. Fun run
7. Go racing
8. Karaoke evening – pay to sing your favourite song, pay not to have to sing, pay to  
   make someone else sing!
9. Paper boat racing
10. Pool or snooker competition
11. Skittles evening. **T**alk to a skittles pub and see if they can do you a deal!
12. Squash ladder
13. Ten pin bowling challenge.
14. Tennis tournament
15. Treasure hunts
16. Tug-of-war competition

**At Work**

1. Bad taste clothing day – if you don’t want to take part you pay!
2. Collecting boxes in company offices, reception areas and canteens
3. Company open day – for families, friends and neighbours of the company with  
   stalls and side-shows
4. **Corporate Prizes.** Do you work in a large Company?  Ask the department that deals with the free tickets your company has been given, or race days tickets to auction them for charity
5. Giving a small amount from your pay each month by Give As You Earn
6. Have a textile bank in your car park or outside your office
7. Keep fit at lunchtime.
8. Knock-out general knowledge quiz between departments
9. Lunchtime concerts given by staff or local musicians
10. Matching donations. Some companies match fundraising by staff with a donation
11. Predict the top five singles in the charts (weekly competition)
12. Raffles (especially around special occasions e.g. Easter eggs, Christmas  
    hampers)
13. Staff let holiday cottage/caravan (part of fee to charity)
14. Staff variety show
15. Swearbox
16. Sweepstakes for baby’s weight or time of birth
17. Weekly weigh-in with fines for weight gain

**Seasonal**

1. Bonfire night celebration
2. Carol singing
3. Christmas hamper raffle
4. Easter egg hunt
5. Leave excess apples at your gate with an honesty box, with a few brochures about the charity
6. Pancake race
7. Persuade the office to make donations in lieu of sending Christmas cards
8. Sell Christmas cards or gifts (make them yourself)
9. Special delivery service – at Valentine’s Day, Christmas, birthdays
10. Special parcel wrapping service at Christmas

**Sponsored Events**

1. Sponsored abseil
2. Sponsored cycle
3. Sponsored dog walk
4. Sponsored expedition
5. Sponsored golf days (suppliers invited to sponsor a hole)
6. Run or climb up a mountain
7. Sponsored swim
8. Sponsored walk – Take part or organise one
9. Give up smoking – sponsored by the day
10. Give up something you would really miss, like sweets or TV and get people to sponsor you for each day that you manage to go without
11. Sponsored head/beard/moustache shave
12. Sponsored jail break- the person who travels the furthest without spending any money in a fixed period of time is the winner
13. Sponsored silence
14. Sponsored spook – spend the night in a haunted place
15. Sponsored staircase climb
16. Sponsored anything you like really!

**Other Ideas, including some for younger people**

1. “Guess the baby” photo competition
2. Anything that is fun and raises money!
3. Bag packing at your local supermarket.
4. Car boot sale
5. Collect foreign coins (leftover from holiday)
6. **Collect in a shopping centre:** You have to apply for a licence from the council but you can raise a lot of money if a few of you collect outside those busy shops on a Saturday
7. Games skill (e.g. dropping a coin over a target)
8. Get Cultural - hold a play or concert. Hold a recital for your family and neighbours. You could sing songs, play an instrument, recite poems or tell joke.
9. Some schools/golf clubs etc choose a charity for the year. Suggest this Charity.
10. Grand draw (large prizes donated by suppliers)
11. Guess the number of…
12. Guess the weight (of just about anything/anybody)
13. Make a mile of pennies
14. **Raffles.** Hold a raffle at your workplace, social club, golf club, tennis club, church fete, summer fair or anywhere else you can think of (you don’t need a licence to hold a raffle if you are drawing the prizes on the same day, however if the raffle is going to take place over a number of days, please contact the licensing department at your local authority)
15. Sale of unwanted gifts
16. Slave auction – be someone’s slave for an hour, or be boss for an hour
17. Wash cars