

# A-Z Guide of Fundraising Ideas

## A

**Apprentice Day** – Take inspiration from The Apprentice by organising your own version at work or school. Teams have one day to raise as much cash as possible with a prize for the winning team.

**Auction of Promises** – Do you have a skill set you think you could put to good use or are you simply willing and able? From hair cutting to chauffeuring for the day, offer your services for a donation fee.

**Air Miles** – Frequent Flyer? Collect your own air miles then raffle them off.

## B

**Bag Packing** – Assist busy supermarket shoppers with their weekly shop and see the pennies role in.

**Black Tie Do** – Dust off your glad rags and organise a posh do in aid of CHSF. Involve red accessories!

**Bingo** – Clickety Click? Legs Eleven? Why not think outside the box and add a new spin... food bingo anyone?

**Board Game Evening** – Invite friends over for a game of Scrabble, Monopoly, Cluedo or KerPlunk!

## C

**Coffee Morning** – Fancy yourself as the next Mary Berry? Why not organise a Coffee Morning with a bake sale. Asking for money is so much easier when you offer people something they want.

**Car Boot Sale** – One person's trash is the next person's treasure so dig out your unloved items and put them to good use.

**Come Dine with Me** – We've all seen the programme so why not have a go at replicating it yourself. Ask friends to donate to CHSF what they would have spent on a meal out.

## D

**Dress Down Day** – An oldie but a goodie. Let the office fashionistas show their worth for the day in return for a small fee!

**Disco** – Who doesn't enjoy a chance to shake their stuff on the dance floor. Charge attendees a ticket price and maybe even a fee to hear their favourite tune.

## E

**Expert Talk** – Know an expert or well-known personality willing to donate their time? Charge admission, sell refreshments and have an auction of their latest book or autograph.

**Easter Party** – The four day weekend gives you the perfect time to throw a party. Don't forget the Egg Hunt and the Bunny-Hop race.

**Ebay** – Don't fancy the early morning start for the Car Boot Sale? List your unwanted items on Ebay instead and donate the money they raise.

## F

**Football Match** – Nothing wrong with a little healthy competition. Charge a fee to play and ask spectators for a donation. After the game why not involve everyone in a penalty shoot out at £1 a go. Serious bragging rights at stake!

**Fancy Dress** – Cowboy, Genie, Camel or Pumpkin, the possibilities are endless. Throw a fancy dress party and charge friends to attend, charge double for those who don't dress up!

**Fright Night** – Love a horror film? Invite friends and family for a fright night movie marathon and ask them to donate what they would have usually spent at the cinema. Don't forget the popcorn.

**Fun Day** – One of the biggest successes with our supporters, Fun Days are great ways to bring in the cash with so many different options – for instance Tombola, cake stand, refreshment stall and coconut shy. Why not ask your local dance or music clubs to perform.

## G

**Guess the Baby Photo** – Great in an office environment, you'll see your colleagues in a whole other light!

**Give it up** – Love a tippie? Addicted to sugar? Get twitchy at the thought of being parted from your phone? Give your vice up for a month and ask friends and family to sponsor you. Boost your total by a self-imposed fine for every time you slip up!

**Girls Night In** – What could be simpler? Invite the girls round, crack open the bubbly and dig out the chick flicks. Ask friends to donate what they would have spent on a night out.

## H

**Head Shave** – If you're sick of the bad hair days then what a great excuse to whip it off! Why not offer people the opportunity to bid to shave it!

**Head and Tails** – Great at balls and dinner parties. Ask everyone to donate a fee (e.g. £5) then instruct them to decide if they are heads (by putting their hands on their head) or tails (by putting their hands on their bum). Flip a coin and announce the results – pick the wrong side and you're out!

## I

**International Evening** – Host a party inspired by your favourite holiday destination and theme your menu, dress code and music.

**In memory** – if you're fundraising in memory of a loved one why not tie it in to something they were passionate about or that reminds you of them.

## J

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

**K**

**Karaoke** – Power Ballads at the ready. People can pay an entrance fee, for each song or pay not to sing!

**L**

**Local Races** – take advantage of any local races that are established in your area. Book a place and ask friends for sponsorship.

**Loud Tie Day** – Charge your colleagues a pound to come in wearing their loudest tie. Extra points for red!

**M**

**Memory meal** – transport yourself back to the 60s, 50s or the 40s. Dress in the style of the day and try to cook some dishes of the era.

**Mini Olympics** – Invite everyone you know to compete in traditional and silly sports.

**Marathon events** – Not just for the super fit, we encourage you to think outside the box with marathon DJ sets, singing sessions or space hopping, to name just a few.

**N**

**Name the...** – baby, teddy, parrot, whatever you can think of!

**Night Time Walk** – put a spin on the traditional sponsored walk and do it after dark instead.

**O**

**Office Swear Box** – shame your co-workers and raise money for CHSF simultaneously.

**Odd Job Day** – Grab your tool box and offer to take on all of those odd jobs that your friends and family never have time to do – for a small fee of course.



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**P**

**Pancake Race** – Get flipping on Shrove Tuesday, charge both people to enter and spectators to eat.

**Pub Games** – Stage a championship of traditional pub games like darts, skittles, dominoes and cards.

**Q**

**Quiz** – Take over the local pub quiz for the night or if it doesn't do one, put on your own.

**R**

**Rag Week** – is your son/daughter, niece/nephew or next door neighbour at University? Ask if CHSF could be supported in their annual Rag Week.

**Raffle** – Popular at an array of events, ask local businesses to donate prizes to keep costs down.

**S**

**Slimming Contest** – Ask for sponsorship for every pound you lose.

**Stationary Cycle** – Don't fancy the great outdoors or maybe you simple don't have a bike?! Why not cover the same distance at the gym.

**Street Entertainment** – Singing, juggling, miming? Whatever your forte is, take to the streets and ask for donations.

**Selling Refreshments** – Whatever your fundraising activity, boost the total by selling refreshments.

**School Play** – Why not look into the possibility of a collection at the interval?

**Sponsored Silence** – Stay silent for as long as you can. Easier for some than others!

**T**

**Tombola** – A fair and fete favourite. Don't forget to spend the months leading up to it collecting prizes.

**Ten-pin Bowling** – Bowling alleys often have special rates for big groups and charity evenings.

**U**

**University Challenge** – Get the grey matter moving and mimic the popular TV Show.

**V**

**Valentine's Day** – Speed dating, Valentine's Ball, Heart Shaped Biscuits – the possibilities are endless!

**Variety Show** – you'll be amazed what hidden talents your nearest and dearest hold!

**W**

**Waxing** – An old classic! Could you get the local rugby or football team involved?

**Wear Red** – Join us in February!

**Washing Cars** – Roll up your sleeves and wash cars for a set donation. Perhaps your local supermarket car park would host you.

**X**

**Xmas Jumper Day** – great for the Christmas office spirit!

**Y**

**Year to Remember** – One fundraising challenge not enough for you? Why not do one every month for a year.

**Yoga-thon** – Showcase your downward dog at a sponsored yoga session.

**Z**

**Zzzzzzz** – Sponsored sleepover anyone? Ask if you son's/ daughter's school will host.

**Zumbathon** – A real high energy fundraising experience!

