

A-Z List of Fundraising Ideas!

A

- Abseil: Scale the dizzy heights of a local landmark or office block.
- Aerobics: Organise a sponsored aerobathon with the help of gyms, leisure centres and sports shops.
- Afternoon Tea: Put the kettle on and get baking. Entertain guests with raffles, auctions, tombolas & live music.
- Air Miles: Collect your own, then raffle them off.
- Arts/Crafts Stall: Make necklaces, dried flower arrangements, stained glass mirrors, etc, to sell on a stall.
- Art exhibition: Stage an exhibition for local artists. Charge entrance fee and commission.
- Auction: Auction off original items, taking a percentage of sales.
- Auction of Services: Auction services of people and businesses - anything from singing lessons to dinner for two.

B

- Badge Making: Make badges to sell at work, to friends or at craft fairs.
- Bad tie day: Charge your colleagues a pound to come in wearing their loudest tie. Award the winner.
- Baked Bean Bath: Get sponsored to spend the day in a bath/Jacuzzi of baked beans. Charge friends to join you.
- Balloon Race: Sell balloons that are filled with helium; the purchasers' name and address are written on a tag fixed to the balloon. The balloon that travels the furthest wins a prize.
- Barbecue: Add stereo, football and rounder and make it a whole day's event.
- Barn Dance: Swing into action by hiring a caller and traditional country band.
- Battle of the Bands: Contest for unsigned bands, where audience votes on the winner. Charge bands to enter and offer cash prizes.
- Beat the Goalie: Score a goal and win a prize. Footballers pay to enter.
- Bingo: Hold a one-off evening or regular morning sessions.
- Board Games Evening: Invite friends over to play Scrabble, Monopoly, Cluedo and more. Charge entrance or game fee.
- Book Sale: Sell old books, collected from everyone you know. Book dealers may buy leftover stock.
- Bouncy Castle: A great way to keep kids entertained at bigger family events. Bouncing fee.
- Bungee Jump: Raise sponsorship by flying in the face of fear.
- Bus Pull: Gather a team & get sponsored to heave a bus through town. More teams? Make it a race.

C

- Cake Stall: Hold a traditional cake stand at fetes or fairs. Check health and safety regulations.

- Calendars: Design & sell a pictorial calendar for your company. Departments/suppliers may sponsor pages.
- Candle making: Make and sell candles at craft fairs or coffee mornings.
- Car boot sale: Cash in your old belongings, or sell pitches. Raise more with bouncy castles, raffles, etc.
- Car wash: Wash cars at shopping centre or office car parks.
- Carnival: Arrange a colourful carnival for your town, charging for each float entered.
- Carol concert: Host a festive concert for your community. Earn extra by selling minced pies & mulled wine.
- Casino evening: Hire gaming tables and a hall for the evening.
- Charity ball: Raise sponsorship 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.
- Children's party: Organise children's parties or activities, but be sure to check relevant childcare practices.
- Christmas draw: Sell tickets and ask local firms to supply prizes. Check regulations about public draws & raffles.
- Classic car show: Well-organised classic car and bike shows are great crowd pullers and fantastic fundraisers.
- Coach trips: Coach trips to London, Blackpool, flower shows, etc, are popular. Sell tickets and hold a raffle.
- Cuppa Aid coffee morning: It's open house for the morning. Make extra with raffles, bring and buy sales and cake stalls.
- Concerts: Entertain the crowds with your own recital, or hire bands of musicians.
- Cookery demo: Invite well-known chefs to share the recipe of their success with a ticket-paying audience.
- Copper collection: Ask people to donate their collections of one and two pence pieces.
- Craft fair: Make necklaces, dried flower arrangements, stained glass mirrors, etc, to sell on a stall.
- Cricket match: Assemble a team and challenge your county team to a match. Charge spectators.

D

- Dance: Barn dances, tea dances, disco dances, salsa dances - whatever rocks your boat.
- Darts tournament: Challenge all the pub teams in the area to compete for cash prizes, or a barrel of beer.
- Dinner and cabaret: Hire a popular and spacious restaurant. Entertain ticket holders with music, comedy & magic.
- Disco: Spin the decks or hire a DJ to stage a themed disco night.
- Dog show: Charge proud pet-owners to show off their pooches. Ask pet shops to sponsor the event.

E

- Easter egg hunt: Edible hide and seek. Charge entry fee and ask confectioners to provide the eggs.
- Eating marathon: Get sponsored to stuff your face with as many baked beans/grapes/pies etc. as possible.
- Eyebrows: Get sponsored to shave them off - they grow back eventually!

F

- Face painting: Get creative with face paints at fetes, fairs and children's parties.
- Fancy dress: Jazz up your event with a fancy dress contest. Charge entrance fee.
- Fashion show: Ask businesses to sponsor venue, outfits or catwalk. Charge admission and sales commission.
- Fastathon: Get sponsored to fast for a morning or a day. Consult your doctor first.
- Film evening: Recreate an evening of vintage cinema by showing classic films and musicals.
- Fireworks: Weather permitting, firework displays are massive fundraisers. Check out safety precautions.
- Flower show: Always popular. Boost funds with competitions, advice corners & side stalls.
- Football tournament: Schedule fixtures and charge teams to enter. Ask local businesses for prizes.
- Foreign coins: Ask people to donate their leftover holiday coins. Change into sterling once you have enough.
- Fun day: Arrange games, music, competitions and stalls at a nearby hall or sports club.

G

- Game show: Host mock version of The Chase or The Weakest Link.
- Garage sale: Sell off all your unwanted belongings.
- Garden party: Sell tickets or invite guests to make a donation.
- Gardening: Offer your gardening services to friends and family.
- Glamorous Gran: Go in search of your area's most glamorous gran. Charge contestants to enter, and ask local hair and beauty salons to donate prizes. Invite the local press.
- Go Kart Grand Prix: Hold a Go Kart Grand Prix at the nearest track. Drivers pay entrance fee.
- Greeting cards: Make and sell cards for every occasion.
- Guess how many sweets in the jar: The closest answer wins.
- Guided tours: Take tourists and visitors on locally guided walks or trips.

H

- Halloween party: Another excuse to dress up and party. Charge entrance fees and raise money trick or treating.
- Head shave: Sick of bad hair days? Go bald for charity.
- Hook-a-duck: Fete and fair game. Ask local companies to donate prizes.
- Household sale: Sell off all your unwanted belongings.

I

- Inflatable: Put a bounce into your summer fete with an inflatable fly wall, boxing ring or gladiator court.
- Ironing: Offer your ironing services - at a cost.
- It's a knockout: Revive the 80s game show by inviting teams to compete in silly games in silly costumes.

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.
- Jewellery making: Buy your own beads and get threading. Sell your products at markets and craft fairs.

K

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

L

- Left-handed day: Try doing everything with your left hand for the day.
- Line dancing: It's all the rage. Just make sure you have a caller and plenty of drink!

M

- Marathons: Get sponsored to run a traditional 26-mile race.
- Medieval evening: Themed evening of medieval food, jousting and entertainment.
- Mile of pennies: Make a mile of pennies in your town centre. Ask shoppers to help by donating their coins.
- Muffin day: Introduce dress down day at work.

N

- Nature trail: Offer guided walks to natural beauty spots.
- New year resolutions: Get sponsored to stick to your new year's resolutions.

O

- Ornament sale: Set up a market/fair stall. Alternatively, plan your own event and charge for pitches.
- Outward bound: Go climbing, hiking, camping, etc, in preparation for your trip. Seek sponsorship.

P

- Paint balling: Organise paint-balling challenges at locally run centres. Players pay to enter.
- Pancake race: Get flipping on Shrove Tuesday. Charge teams to enter and spectators to eat.
- Parachute jump: Daredevils only. Get sponsored to take the plunge.
- Parties: Pick a venue, a date, a theme... and party on. Sell tickets and charge for extras like food.
- Personalised gifts: Sell uniquely personalised gifts for special occasions.
- Pet show: Charge proud pet-owners to show off their cats, hamsters, bunnies, mice, etc.

- Picture framing: Frame and sell prints of local scenes, or pictures relevant to your charity.
- Plant a tree: Seek sponsors for a "plant a tree" scheme.
- Playstation play-off: Organise a league of players and compete on a certain game. Charge entrants.
- Play your cards right: Fair game made famous by Bruce Forsyth. Guess higher or lower 6 times running & win a prize.
- Pledges: Gather pledges of support, donations and services. These could be auctioned or raffled off.
- Pop concert: Hire a venue and invite local bands to play. Sell tickets and set up stalls.
- Promotional gifts: Sell promotional gifts with your Charity/organisation logo on.
- Pub games night: Stage a championship of traditional pub games - darts, skittles, dominoes, cards, etc.
- Puppet show: Pull in the crowds with a traditional Punch & Judy show, or something more innovative.

Q

- Quizzes: If your local doesn't run a pub quiz, set one up. Test the regulars on pop, trivia or sport.

R

- Race night: The race is run on a large screen after all bets have been taken. A typical evening consists of eight races. Props (and film) are supplied by race operators. Some gaming regulations apply.
- Raffle: Ask local firms to donate prizes and sell tickets. Check raffle laws with charity.
- Raft race: Teams compete by building their rafts and racing over a set distance. Teams pay to compete.
- Ramble: Take to the countryside for a mass walkabout. Throw in a theme (fancy dress, singles, three legged, Easter), and charge for entry and refreshments.
- Recycling collections: Collect paper, aluminium, glass, etc, and sell on to recycling companies.
- Roll-a-ball: Fair game where player rolls a ball through a hole at the end of a bowling-type alley.

S

- Sale of Xmas gifts: Sell Christmas cards, wrapping, gifts, food and drink.
- Scavenger hunt: Variation on the treasure hunt where participants have a list of items to collect.
- Shopping coupons: Trade in loyalty points for money or goods (to be used as prizes).
- Sit in a bath: Get sponsored to spend the day in a bath of beans/maggots/tea, etc.
- Skittles: Make an evening event out of this traditional pub game.
- Skydiving: Free fall your way back to earth - for sponsorship.
- Slimming contest: Arrange with local slimming clubs. Participants get sponsored £1 for every pound lost. Please consult your doctor before.
- Sponge throwing: Players pay to chuck sopping wet sponges at whoever's in the stocks.

- Sponsored silence: Mum's the word. Stay silent for as long as you can.
- Sports competition: Whatever your game, organise a tournament. Sell tickets, and organise stalls, raffles, etc.
- Stage play: Raise the curtain on a local Am Dram production.
- Swap shop: Put unwanted items in touch with loving homes. Charge swappers to participate.
- Swear box: Spend a £1 for every \$@*£\$! uttered. Put a box at home, at work and at the pub.
- Swimathon: Get sponsored per length, mile, minute, hour...

T

- Tabletop sale: Indoor variation on the car boot sale. Charge for table hire.
- Talent competition: Discover Britain's next big thing with your own talent show. Charge entry and offer prizes.
- Ten-pin bowling: Bowling alleys often have special rates for big groups & charity evenings.
- Toy sale: In the run up to Christmas, toy sales can be big fundraisers.
- Treasure hunt: Sniffing out the clues, teams compete against each other to discover the 'hidden treasure'.
- Tuck shop: Sell sweets, crisps, cake, drinks, etc, at a children's event.

U

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

V

- Variety show: Comedians, magicians, singers, dancers & musicians all under one roof.
- Vehicle rally: Well-organised car and bike shows are great crowd pullers and fantastic fundraisers.

W

- Walks: Lead organised walks to historical spots and places of interest. Ghost walks are also popular.
- Waxing: A hair-raising experience for the boys. Get sponsored to wax your legs or chest.
- Weight of the cake: Fair game. Pay to guess the weight - and win the cake if you're right.
- Welly throwing: Fun for every fete and fair. Throwers compete to see whose welly goes furthest.
- Woodworking: Make and sell your own woodcrafts, or give woodturning/woodcarving demonstrations.

X

- Xmas hampers: Make up and sell your own Xmas hampers. Include food, drink, toys and gifts.

Y

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

Z

- Zodiac evening: Invite a guest astrologer for a star-studded fundraiser. Charge for entry and horoscopes.

If you would like some extra materials to carry out any of these fundraising activities and to reach your sponsorship target, please contact Rachel on 02890401729 (Option 3) or email rachel@autismni.org