

# Top Fundraising Ideas

There are hundreds of different ways of raising money, here are some of our favourites in case you need some ideas:

## **Kid's Ideas**

### **Guess how many sweets in the jar**

Simply fill an old jam jar with sweets and your friends pay to guess how many you've put inside. You could even decorate the jar to make it more appealing.

### **Non-school uniform day/whacky hair day**

Ask your headteacher if the school can charge a fee of £1.00 for the children to come to school in the outfit of their choice. Or choose a theme: such as red and green clothes only. Or how about a whacky hair day with a similar theme?

### **Car-washing/shoe-shining service**

Set up a car-washing or shoe-shining service in your neighbourhood, with an adult's help.

### **Sponsored event**

Keep fit with a sponsored cycle, run, hop, jump, swim or a three-legged race.

### **Old toys/books/dvds sale**

Ask you headteacher if you can hold a fundraising sale in the hall after school of old toys/books/dvds/games. You'll be raising money and recycling! You can also bake some cakes and biscuits to sell alongside..

## **Sponsored events**

### **Keep fit**

Do a sponsored cycle, run, hop jump, swim or three-legged race.

## **Sponsored Slimming**

Get rid of those unwanted pounds and feel great for the summer. The incentive of raising funds will really help!

## **Feel the fear and do it anyway**

Face your fears and raise money by sky-diving or bungee-jumping.

*You'll find a sponsorship form in this pack.*

## **Social Events**

### **Come Dine with Me**

Put your culinary expertise to the test and get some friends to host a dinner party just like the TV show. You can judge each other's cooking ability at the end and each participant makes a donation to take part. Make sure there's a prize for the Host with the Most!



### **Hold a coffee and cakes morning**

Appeal to people's sweet tooth with a coffee and cake morning!

### **Hold a summer barbecue**

Tempt your mates with some sizzling sausage summer fun. Get a tasty donation for your gorgeous grub by firing up the barbecue and getting some drinks on ice!

### **Themed party**

Fancy dress or a Black and White Ball? Get creative designing your own themed party! Tickets and raffles will soon get your party started.

### **Clothes swap evening**

Got some clothes that are in good condition but you don't want any more. Charge an entrance fee and invite your friends to bring a maximum of three pieces of clothing that they would like to swap. Provide drinks and nibbles to make it more fun.



### **Pampered Chef evening**

You buy the ingredients, your pamper chef brings along the equipment that he or she is hoping to sell. You charge an entrance fee and invite your friends along. They can

get involved in the food preparation and watch the chef at work, then you all enjoy the food together and maybe splash out on some new cooking equipment.

### **Cheese and wine evening**

Ask your friends round to sample some culinary delights with a touch of sophistication. Try tasting some foods of another country!

### **Darts competition**

Have some fun down at your local pub or recreation centre with a darts competition.

### **Dress down day**

Charge £1 to come in to the office in your own choice of clothes...anyone for fancy dress?

### **Swear box**

We all do it, we know we shouldn't, but sometimes there's no other word that quite fits as well. Well now you can profit from your profanities!

### **Caption competition**

Guess the famous caption or fill in the blanks for some easy money amongst your friends.



### **Sweepstake**

From Wimbledon to your local football league, get your friends to place their bets on who will win in a little sweepstake!

### **Who lives in a house like this?**

Ask a few people to take some snaps of their homes and then get everyone guessing who lives in which house! A great one to do at work!

### **'Read All About It!' – appear in the media**

Whether it's in your local newspaper or on Ready Steady Cook! Get people to pay to see your 15 minutes of fame!

### **Car wash**

Encourage your neighbours and locals to donate by washing their cars in exchange for some cash!

### **Approach your local theatre or music groups**

Bring Live Aid to your local community theatre by asking them to put on a production in Red2Green's honour with ticket proceeds adding to your fundraising total.

### **Quiz night or bingo**

General knowledge or pick a theme... everyone loves a quiz night with their friends!

### **Organise a ball or barn dance**

Whether it's line dancing, a waltz or hip hop, get your body moving for a night of toe-tapping fun!

### **Money instead of presents**

A great cause and a great way to put some money to good use!

### **Plant or book sale**

A local car boot sale is an ideal spot to offload your unwanted books or to sell some spring seedlings for money towards your own fundraising pot!



### **Cards evening**

Rummy, blackjack, snap or Top Trumps. Put your poker face on and get the money on the table...remember the banker always wins!

### **Auction of talents**

Discover that friends and family have secret skills: can they juggle, teach salsa dancing, paint Henna tattoos, sing a song backwards, line dance or even break dance. Auction them off. You could do this as part of one of the social events.

## **Ideas for the office**

### **Dress down day**

Charge £1 to come in to the office in your own choice of clothes...anyone for fancy dress!?

### **Ask the boss for a day's holiday**

Everyone loves a holiday! Ask your boss to donate a day's paid leave as a brilliant raffle or auction prize.

### **Bad taste day**

Get your colleagues to dig out those outfits that shouldn't see the light of day! Garish ties or bad hair dos...Those that don't take part will pay the price!

## **Top tip!**

At all the events you can hold a raffle or auction to generate some more income. Ask for people to donate prizes!