



THE A-Z OF FUNDRAISING IDEAS

A

- **Afternoon Tea** – Get baking, sandwich making, and tea-brewing. Invite friends, family or a local community group to a tea party and ask for a donation for their attendance.

Perfect for: Office, friends and family, in a group

- **Auction** – Do you have any collectables you've been meaning to clear out, or perhaps you have some rare skills you have that are ripe for auctioning off? Either way, an auction is a fantastic way of raising money, bringing people together and having fun.

Perfect for: Friends, family and work colleagues

- **Abseil** – Find your local abseiling company and scale a height to raise money. [Set up an online fundraising page to get sponsored.](#)

Perfect for: Personal challenge

B

- **Bake sale** – Throw on your aprons and get baking to help change lives. You could hold this at work, school or home and go sweet, savoury or both!

Perfect for: School, office, friends and family, in a group

- **Barbecue** – Invite your friends and family to a barbecue and hope for sunshine! Encourage your guests to bring something to throw on to the barbecue and ask for a donation for your hospitality.

Perfect for: Friends and family, in a group

- **Bingo** – Get creative and create a bingo sheet tailored for your audience. You could theme it by music, celebrity faces or food or keep it old school with numbers.

Perfect for: Friends and family, office, in a group, school

- **Bike ride** – Take part in a cycling event or organise your own. Get sponsored on an online fundraising page for your efforts.

Perfect for: Personal challenge, in a group, friends and family

- **Ball** – Let's get glam. Find a venue and raise money through ticket sales by inviting everyone you know to enjoy a sophisticated evening. It'll give people an opportunity to dust off their fanciest outfits!

Perfect for: Friends and family, in a group, office

- **Birthday fundraising** – Set up an online fundraising page and ask for donation instead of presents this year. It might also save you from getting unwanted gifts!

Perfect for: Personal challenge

- **Bag pack** – Ask permission from your local supermarket to do a bag pack for their customers. Ask the customers for donations in return for your speedy team-work packing.

Perfect for: Friends and family, in a group

C

- **Car boot sale** – When it's time to de-clutter, throw your unwanted treasures in your boot and head down to your local car-boot sale to sell them for Save the Children.

Perfect for: Individuals, friends and family, in a group

- **Coffee morning** – Get some of your favourite people together in a room to drink coffee, eat cake, and raise money. Ask for a donation to everyone coming along to help themselves or per slice of cake.

Perfect for: Office, in a group

- **Concert** – Know some musically talented people or have you got the talent yourself? Hold a music concert in a local venue and ask for a donation for entry.

Perfect for: School, university, friends and family

- **Carol singing** – Get festive by organising some carol singing in your community. Invite your friends and family to join in and ask for a donation for entry.

Perfect for: In a group, friends and family, Churches

D

- **Dinner party** – Get your friends or family round for a delicious dinner to raise money. Ask for a donation for your hospitality and cook something which won't break the bank.

Perfect for: Friends and family

- **Dress down day** – See if you can ditch your suit to go casual for the day and bring in a pound or two to help raise money.

Perfect for: Office

- **Dance** – Whether it's a party at home or you're able to rent out a town hall, organise a dance and use the tickets to raise money for charity. You could even play the part of DJ for the night or show the locals your best dance moves!

Perfect for: Schools, friends and family, schools

- **Dodgeball tournament** – If you're a fan of ball games, then a dodgeball tournament is a great way to raise money for Save the Children. Set it up in the same way as a football tournament with players paying to take part.

Perfect for: Office, friends and family, in a group

E

- **Easter egg hunt** – Hold a hunt for chocolate and ask people to donate to take part.

Perfect for: Schools, office

F

- **Fancy dress day** – Set a theme and encourage your school or work colleagues to throw on a costume.

Perfect for: Schools, office

- **Football tournament** – Know people who like to have a kick about? Hold a football tournament at your local park or five-a-side venue and ask players to donate to play.

Perfect for: Office, friends and family, in a group

- **Film night** – Close the curtains and snuggle up with family and friends for a marathon of themed movies. Ask everyone to donate £5 and your evening will make difference to children around the world.

Perfect for: Friends and family, in a group

G

- **Give something up** – Want to break a habit? Get sponsored for giving something up or donate the money you're saving – it might be alcohol, your morning coffee or sweet treats.

Perfect for: Personal challenge

- **Games night** – If your dream night in involves playing your favourite board games, then organising a games night might be the perfect fundraiser for you. From Scrabble to Monopoly and Mouse Trap, there are plenty to keep you and your guests entertained.

Perfect for: Friends and family, in a group

- **Golf Clubs** - On course for a bright future? Sign your golf club up to a fundraising event this year and have a day you will never FORE get.

H

- **Halloween party** – Host a spooky Halloween party at your house or at a local venue. Invite friends, family and work colleagues along and ask for a donation for your hospitality.

Perfect for: Friends and family, in a group, office

- **Hike** – Grab your walking boots and organise a hike to raise money. Get sponsored to cover the miles.

Perfect for: Personal challenge, friends and family, in a group.

- **Head shave** – Could you challenge yourself to lose your locks to raise money? Set up a fundraising page to get sponsored and be sure to have a before and after snap!

Perfect for: Personal challenge

I

- **International Children's Day** – Hold a fundraiser on International Children's Day on Tuesday 20 November 2018. Simply choose your favourite idea from our A-Z and get planning!

Perfect for: Schools, Universities

- **International evening** – Hold an evening full of culinary delights and music from around the world. Give each guest a country's traditional cuisine to cook and ask for a donation for your hospitality.

Perfect for: Friends and family, in a group

J

- **Jazz night** – Love jazz? See if you can hold a night of jazz music at your local jazz club or find another venue. Ask for a donation for entry. Alternatively, if you play an instrument yourself, you could give free lessons for a donation.

Perfect for: Friends and family, in a group

K

- **Karaoke night** – Everyone has a secret party piece they're itching to share! So why not grab a microphone and organise a donate-to-enter karaoke contest? Rent out a local karaoke booth or hold a karaoke party at home with friends.

Perfect for: Friends and family, in a group

L

- **Luncheon** – Gather your friends or work colleagues together and hold a bring-your-own lunch. Decide who's bringing what and put on a delicious spread fit for a king!

Perfect for: Office, friends and family, in a group

- **Learn something new** – Get sponsored to try something new. It could be taking up a new physical challenge or something creative, like learning an instrument or starting dancing lessons.

- **LAN Party** – If you and your friends are into gaming, you can invite them over and hold your very own LAN party. Get everyone to bring their own computer or gaming console, hook yourselves up to a local area network, and you're good to game! Players can share consoles and you can use projectors instead of screens to impress your friends.

Perfect for: Friends and family, in a group

M

- **Marathon run** – Want to really push yourself? Sign up to the London marathon or find your own. Get sponsored for your training efforts and achieve something amazing.

Perfect for: Personal challenge

- **Matched Giving** – Matched giving is a great way to boost what you raise. Ask your employer if they have a Matched Giving scheme and you could double what you raise from your fundraising activity.

Perfect for: Office

- **Music night** – Are you big into music? Why not organise a music night in your local community and fill a venue with pop, rock, jazz or something else!

Perfect for: Friends and family, in a group

N

- **Name the...** – The options for this fundraising idea are endless. Ask your friends or colleagues to donate to guess the name of the teddy or get everyone's baby photos together and get guessing who it is!

Perfect for: Office, schools, Universities

- **New Year dip** – The New Year is the perfect time for a challenge! Find an organised New Year dip near you and get sponsored for making the chilly splash.

Perfect for: Friends and family, in a group, personal challenge

- **New Year's resolutions** – Get sponsored to give something up or take on a new challenge.

Perfect for: Personal challenge

O

- **Obstacle race** – Find your local muddy challenge, like Nuclear Races and get sponsored to take part. You could even set up your own ultimate obstacle course for others to take part in.

Perfect for: Personal challenge, in a group

P

- **Pancake day** – Host a pancake party on Shrove Tuesday or on a day that suits you and ask for a suggested donation for your sweet and savoury creations. You could hold a pancake-flipping contest, or challenge people to a pancake race!

Perfect for: Schools, office, friends and family, in a group, Universities

Q

- **Quiz night** – Ask a local pub or your community hall if you can have the venue for free during a quiet night of the week. You can raise money by taking donations for entries to the quiz and hold a raffle* on the same night to raise even more for Save the Children UK.

Perfect for: Friends and family, office

R

- **Raffle*** – Holding a raffle is a great way to raise more money for charity at a fundraising event. You can even ask local businesses if they will donate a prize and sell raffle tickets at your event.

Perfect for: Friends and family, office, in a group

- **Read-a-thon** – Challenge yourself or a class to a certain number of reading sessions and get sponsored for charity!

Perfect for: Personal challenge, schools, Universities

- **Run, walk or cycle** - Whether you're keen to try a 10k or go for a full marathon, the money you raise could help save children's lives.

S

- **Skydive** – Want to conquer a fear of heights, or experience a huge rush of adrenaline? Find your local skydive centre, sign up, and get sponsored to make the jump.

Perfect for: Personal challenge, in a group

- **Sponsored silence** – Ask friends, colleagues or another group to sponsor you for an hour (or more!) of silence. This is a great idea for chatterboxes!

Perfect for: Personal challenge, in a group

- **Sports night** - The next time there's a big sporting event showing on the TV, host it at home for a fun sports night fundraiser. Ask for a donation and provide snacks and drinks for your guests, as well as decorations in the team colours.

Perfect for: Friends and family, in a group

- **Swim** – Sign up to a swimming event or organise a swim-a-thon at your local pool. Get sponsored to cover a set distance.

Perfect for: Personal challenge, friends and family, in a group

- **Sweepstake at work*** – You can hold a sweepstake on lots of things, from ‘guess my finishing time’, if you’re taking part in a race, to ‘guess how many sweets are in the jar’.

Perfect for: Office

T

- **Tea party** – Get baking, sandwich making, and tea-brewing. Invite friends, family or your community group to a tea party and ask for a suggested donation from anyone who wants to enjoy your spread.

Perfect for: Office, friends and family, in a group

- **Triathlon** – Challenge yourself to take part in a triathlon and ask for sponsorship to conquer the swim, cycle and run challenge in one go!

Perfect for: Personal challenge, in a group

- **Talent contest** – This is a great opportunity to showcase people’s talents while raising money. Ask people to donate to take part in the contest and see if you can get a prize donated for the competition winners.

Perfect for: Schools, in a group, friends and family, Universities

U

- **University challenge** – Challenge your rival university through an event like TV’s ‘University Challenge’ quiz. Raise money through entry and see who comes out on top!

Perfect for: Universities

- **Uniform-free day** – Ask the school to hold a non-uniform day to raise money for Save the Children. Ask pupils to bring in £1 to take part.

Perfect for: Schools

V

- **Valentine's day** – Do you know lots of single people? You could hold a speed-dating event or a Valentine's Day ball.

Perfect for: In a group, friends and family

W

- **Walk** – Grab your walking boots and organise a long walk to raise money. Get sponsored to cover the miles. Or if you usually take the bus you could get sponsored to walk to school or work for week or month.

Perfect for: Schools, personal challenge

X

- **X-factor competition** – Ask three of your friends (or two, if you'd like to be a judge yourself!) to act as judges for the very best talent competition on the planet. You can take part, or even play host! Encourage people to take part by having a worthwhile prize for the winner.

Perfect for: Friends and family, Universities

Y

- **Yoga** – Are you a yoga teacher, or do you know one? If so, you could hold a not-for-profit class to raise money. Alternatively, you can challenge yourself or your yoga class to get sponsored to perform a certain number of Sun Salutations.

Perfect for: Personal challenge, in a group

Z

- **Zumba** – Hold a sponsored Zumba event and raise money through your endless rhythm.

Perfect for: Friends and family, in a group, Universities

- **Zip wiring** – Get sponsored to do a zipwire challenge – find your nearest location and feel the adrenaline pumping.

Perfect for: Personal challenge, in a group, friends and family

*If you are organising a raffle, please ensure you read the rules and regulations on the Gambling commission website: <http://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk>