



Fundraising Ideas – A few thoughts to get you started

There will always be more ways to fundraise than we can list and we're sure if you put your imagination to it, you'll come up with something totally new. The following ideas are just a beginning and a few suggestions to help you get started.

Remember if you do come up with some brilliant fundraising idea let us know so we can share it with all our supporters!

- **Hold an Event – Race Night, Cabaret Night, Charity Auction, Barn Dance**
By hosting a night you are offering something in return for a donation, namely an evening of fun! Supporters are often willing to give you money in return for a good time. Hosting an event can often be hard work, but the rewards are usually well worth the effort – plus you'll have fun doing it as well. If you'd like to hold an event but you're not sure where to start get in touch and we can help you get started
- **Sweepstake**
By offering friends and work colleagues a chance to win a prize or some money back you can often convince them to part with a few pounds to have a guess at the time you'll complete your challenge in
- **Come Dine With Me**
A dinner party can be a great evening where friends together to catch up and have an entertaining evening. Why not host an evening where friends make a charitable donation in lieu of not having to pay for a meal at a restaurant.

An alternative to this might be a more large scale summer BBQ or cheese and wine evening where you can get a lot more people involved in a bigger space than the dining room

- **Sponsored – Silence, wax, fast**
Are you known as a motor mouth who is always talking, got hairy legs or always eating something? Why not do a sponsored event where you get sponsored to change your ways for 24 hours – a week, maybe even longer! People are always willing to sponsor someone who is prepared to forgo their usual comforts
- **Fundraising at work - Dress down day, donate last hour wages, match funding**
Let your work know what you are doing and get them involved – sometimes by letting your company know what you are doing they will be supportive and help you fundraising.

Some companies can also be very generous and offer to either give you a large donation or offer to match fund £1 for £1 what you manage to fundraise. Make sure you ask the right person as they could well say yes

- **Get sporting and host – a football tournament, golf day, tug of war**
Depending on your friends' and families sporting interest you could well host a sporting tournament offering a prize and glory in return for an entry fee
- **Local Pub Quiz**

Not everyone likes to work up a sweat – but perhaps if you ask your local landlord they will help you fundraise through an enjoyable evening down the pub

- A Collection tin in the local corner shop is a great way to generate extra funds and if you put out several tins in different locations it all adds up

So now you have a few ideas, but don't let this stop you coming up with more. If you'd like to talk about your fundraising or you need any materials in support please get in touch – good luck with your fundraising!