Ideas for Fundraising: A-Z Guide

A

**Abseil**
Get sponsored to abseil down a tall building ... if you have the nerve!

**Afternoon tea**
Get the kettle on and invite everyone over (for a donation of course!).

**Art**
Auction off local artists’ works, or hold an exhibition.

**Auctions and raffles**
Ask friends, family and local businesses to donate goods, which you can then auction or raffle.

B

**Bad tie day**
Wear with pride that tie you keep in the back of the wardrobe! Ask people to donate to wear theirs.

**Barbecue**
Ask for a donation for a burger, hot dog or an appropriately fishy dish, like tuna or mackerel.

**Barn dance**
Saddle up and put your dancin’ boots on. Barn dances are great fun as a social evening for all. Ask for a donation for entry.

**Bathe in beans**
Get sponsored to sit in a bath filled with something rather unpleasant – like baked beans!

**Battle of the bands**
You’re an aspiring Jimi Hendrix, but your friends prefer a Coldplay tune. So battle it out in front of a discerning panel in a friendly bar.

**Bicycle ride**
Seek sponsorship for a challenging ride.

**Black tie ball**
Put on your best frock or dinner suit for a night of glitz and glamour.

**Book sale**
The office book sale is always popular.

**Burns’ Night**
Host a Burns’ Dinner (celebrating Scotland’s Bard, Robert Burns) on or around 25 January for your friends.

**Car wash**
Wash colleagues’ or friends’ cars for a donation.

**Coffee morning**
Have a brew, a good old chat, enjoy some treats and raise money.

**Collecting tin**
In communal areas such as the canteen – invite folk to donate spare change in aid of a good cause.

**Cooking competition**
You and a few friends or colleagues all take turns to host a dinner party in one week. At the end of each evening, you all rate the host’s performance. Ask for a donation to take part.

**Climb Everest**
On an indoor climbing wall – and get people to sponsor you.

**Car boot sale**
Clear out your unwanted items and raise money.

**Custard pie throwing**
Colleagues and bosses love volunteering to be part of this activity.

**Circle of life**
Ask people to write a message on a piece of paper and put it inside a cake.

**Collection box**
Set up a collection box in your workplace.

**Cake sale**
The ever-popular cake sale – a great way to raise money in offices. You don’t even have to bake the cakes yourself!
**Dance competition**
Get everyone to perform their very own version of a famous dance routine in front of a panel of judges. Get spectators and contestants to donate – or get sponsored to see how long you can keep dancing!

**Donate**
Cut your normal expenditure on public transport or indulgences, and donate the money you would have spent.

**Desk collection**
A collection on your desk is a great way for your colleagues to show support. Register your event at RNLI.org/register for additional resources or collection boxes.

**Dress down day**
Donate a small sum to come into work wearing your casual gear. Or dress up and donate a larger sum to come into work wearing your evening dress.

**Duck race**
Get a group of people together to buy numbered rubber ducks, and launch them into a river (remembering to collect them all afterwards!). There is a prize for the duck that finishes first.

**Film night**
Invite your friends round to watch DVDs and ask for a donation.

**Fish Supper**
Invite your friends and family and make it the social event of your calendar. To find out more visit RNLI.org/FishSupper

**Flower show**
Show your finest displays and specimens. Get people to join in, and organise some stalls.

**Football**
A full match or a penalty shoot out, depending how energetic you are! Run it as a competition and ask for a donation for taking part and for spectating.

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**Games night**
Simply set up a games console night with your friends and family, or re-live your youth with games like Twister, Trivial Pursuit, Mastermind etc.

**Guest speaker**
Invite a guest speaker to give a free talk to your colleagues, social group or in a local hall and ask for an entry donation.

**Guess the baby**
Ask your colleagues to bring in their baby snaps and see if they can guess the identity of those cuties.

**Guess the number**
Put a load of sweeties in a jar and ask colleagues to donate a small amount to guess the number.

**H**

**H2Only**
No morning coffee. No after-work beer. Can you do it for 10 days? For more info visit RNLI.org/H2Only

**Hair**
Shaving heads, beards or moustaches always raises a lot of money. Alternatively you could grow a moustache or beard.

**Holiday day**
Hold a silent auction at work to earn an extra holiday day (check with the boss first).

**Helping hands**
Get people to sponsor you for helping them out with chores like vacuuming, cleaning, and walking the dog.

**International food evening**
Enjoy a night of eating cuisines from around the world. Participants cook a dish from a country of their choice.

**Ironing**
Offer your ironing skills for a donation.

**J**

**Jumble sale**
People love a good rummage and it’s always a good fundraiser.

**Jewellery making**
Buy your own beads and make bracelets or necklaces.

**Karaoke**
Ask for a donation for entry to a karaoke night.

**Knitting**
Make jumpers, scarves and hats.

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**Lawn mowing**
Help a friend or neighbour by mowing their lawn and ask for a donation.

**Lucky dip**
Seek donations to take part in a lucky dip for small presents provided by your colleagues.
Marathon
Either the ultimate running challenge, or some other kind of endurance test.

Murder mystery
Host a murder mystery evening.

No vices
Get people to sponsor you to give up your favourite treats or social media.

Office Olympics
There are many events you can compete in to become an Office Olympic champion!

Parachute jump
Dare to leap out of an aeroplane to raise money?

Play DJ
Organise a 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s or 00s night.

Pirate day
Hold an RNLI Pirate Day. For more information visit RNLI.org/PirateDay

Quiz night
Devise your own quiz or find the RNLI Quiz Night sheets at RNLI.org/QuizNight

Raffle
Get people to donate prizes and persuade friends and colleagues to enter for a small donation.

Run
Take part in a sponsored run, do it yourself or join one of our events.

Ramble
Head out into some of the nation’s most beautiful landscapes and ask for sponsorship for each mile.

Row the (virtual) Channel
... or any waterway you fancy (it could be the distance between two lifeboat stations!). Use machines at your local gym.

Silence
Raise money by staying silent for a long period of time – not easy!

Sponsored swim
Work out how far a mile is at your local pool and gather sponsorship.

Sports team challenge
A sporty team-building event: organise a charity tournament – netball, badminton, five-a-side football etc.

Swear box
Any verbal misdemeanours can earn money for a good cause!

Superheroes day
Dress as your favourite superhero for the day and donate!

Tombola
Put numbered tickets on the prizes donated, and ask for a donation to pull a ticket out of a hat, or drum.

Treasure hunt
Organise a treasure hunt around your local town or village taking in the historical sights.

Unwanted presents sale
Don’t hide unwanted presents - do some good and sell the gifts that aren’t to your taste.

Vanity check
Be sponsored to go without make-up or hair gel for a day or even for a week!

Wacky Races
Make go-carts and race away!

Wine party
A popular extra-curricular activity and great way to raise money and socialise. You could have a wine tasting party or a wine and cheese night (over 18s only).

Xmas
(Excuse the spelling!) Card sales, hamper raffles, Secret Santa or hold a Christmas fair and ask for an entry donation.

Yacht racing
Model yachts providing an appropriately nautical theme for a fundraiser.

Zombies
Hold a zombie-themed event. It could be a fancy dress day at work or a party at your local hall.