



Lifeboats

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

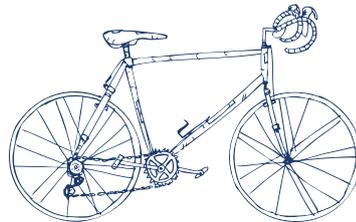
Get sponsored to sit in a bath filled with something rather unpleasant – like baked beans!

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.

C

Cabaret

Entertain your guests with music, comedy, refreshments and magic.

Calendar

Design and sell a calendar – something nice and tasteful, mind!

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!

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.



D

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.

E

eBay

Use eBay For Charity and donate a percentage of the sale price.

Egg and spoon race

Challenge your friends to a race and donate for entry.

F



Fancy dress

Pick a theme – film styles, cartoon characters, 1980s fashion? And there have to be prizes!

Fashion show

Host a fashion show with support from local clothes shops or designers and ask spectators for a donation.

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.

G

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 sweets 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.

I

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.

K

Karaoke

Ask for a donation for entry to a karaoke night.

Knitting

Make jumpers, scarves and hats.



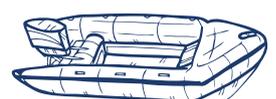
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Lawn mowing

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.



M

Marathon

Either the ultimate running challenge, or some other kind of endurance test.

Murder mystery

Host a murder mystery evening.

N

No vices

Get people to sponsor you to give up your favourite treats or social media.



O

Office Olympics

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



P

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

Q

Quiz night

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



R

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.

S

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!

T

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.

U

Unwanted presents sale

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

V

Vanity check

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

W

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).

X

Xmas

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

Y

Yacht racing

Model yachts providing an appropriately nautical theme for a fundraiser.

Z

Zombies

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

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