

The Fundraising Dictionary

Below, you'll find our fundraising dictionary full of fun fundraising ideas. Got any other ideas? Share them with our fundraising team.

A

- **Ask** – you'll never know if you don't!
- **Art** – ask friends who are artists or photographers to donate their work, or approach local artists. Stage an exhibition and charge entrance fee and commission
- **Auction** – auction off original items, taking a percentage of sales.

B

- **Be enthusiastic!** Enthusiasm is contagious and can fuel your fundraising efforts
- **Battle of the bands** – Contest for unsigned bands. Charge entry and invite record producers.
- **Book sale** – sell old books, collected from everyone you know. Second hand bookshops may buy left over stock
- **Birthday Card Amnesty**- ask your friends and family to send you a donation instead of a card or, if you're feeling really generous, you could even ask them to donate instead of giving presents!
- **Bungee jump**

C

- **Cake stall** – hold a cake stand at fairs. Check health and safety regulations
- **Car wash** – wash cars at shopping centres or office car parks
- **Cycle** or walk to work and put the money you save in transport / parking costs towards

D

- **Donations** – get companies to donate prizes
- **Dance-off**
- **Dublin Bus Receipt**-ask people to donate their Dublin bus receipts. Every little bit counts
- **DJ** – ask any DJs you know to do the music for a fundraising event
- **Dog walking** – charge your neighbours and friends for the service

E

- **Email** all your friends and get them involved

F

- **Facebook**-ask your close friends and family for donations
- **Fancy dress party** – pay and win prizes
- **Film evening** – recreate an evening of vintage cinema by showing classic films and musicals and charge an entrance fee

G

- **Games** – twister, Jenga, Team trivial pursuit. Pay to enter, donated prizes
- **Gardening** – offer your gardening services to friends and family
- **Go- karting** – organise a work trip
- **Greeting cards** – make and sell cards for every occasion
- **Guess the number** – e.g. guess how many sweets in the jar or how many pies you can eat!

H

- **Hair** – offer to do people's hair or even more adventurous get someone to shave off a treasured beard!

I

- **Involve everyone you know!**
- **International themed evening** – a buffet dinner, with each friend bringing a dish from a different culture. Yum!
- **idonate.ie**- set up your own online sponsorship page.

J

- **Join in with an existing** event in your community (e.g. a fun fair, school fete) and run a stall or activity

K

- **Karaoke night**

L

- **Left-handed day** – try doing everything with your left hand for the day
- **Lent** – get sponsored to give up chocolate!

M

- **Make the most of your talents** – make necklaces, sculptures or cook food to sell
- **Magic shows**
- **Massage** – charge friends and family
- **Music concert**

N

- **No Smoking Week** – get sponsored to give up and get healthy!

O

- **Odd Jobs** – help out friends for cash

P

- **Press** – tell your local paper what you are doing
- **Paintballing**
- **Party!** – 60's, 70's, 80's. Dress up!
- **Private Tuition** – teach French or Flamenco, sell your skills
- **Pub crawl**

Q

- **Quiz night** – get your local pub to help

R

- **Raffles**

S

- **Silence** – get sponsored to keep quiet for a day!
- **Swim-a-thon**

T

- **Taxi** your friends around at a fee!
- **Talent contest** – charge admission
- **Tea mornings** – put the kettle on and get baking. Entertain guests with raffles/auctions
- **Ten pin bowling** – bowling alleys sometimes have special rates

U

- **Unwanted gifts** – get friends to donate items and have a boot sale

W

- **Wine tasting** – hold tasting sessions for wine companies
- **Work** – Ask your workplace to match what you fundraise
- **Win** a day off work! Ask your boss to raffle or auction a day off work!