



fundraising  
ideas (a to z)

this little 'a to z' is  
intended as a quick flick  
through to kick start your  
creativity when idea  
generating for small scale  
charity fundraising events...

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**Auction.** Live or on eBay - get rid of all those things clogging up your cupboards.

**Antiques Fair.** Root through your attic and take it along; any money goes to charity.

**Aerobics.** Especially fun with retro clothes! Create a class or just a one-off.


**Abseil a local landmark!**

**Arts and Crafts Day.** Have an art exhibition in the office - do it seriously, ask your children to paint something, or get the boss to do some silly painting.





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**Book Coffee Morning.** Charge a small entrance fee for coffee and biscuits at your place, or place of work and sell the quality used books your guests bring for a good read and a great cause.

**BBQ.** invite friends and ask for a fiver (cover food and the rest for charity).

**Bike Race.**

**Barn Dance.**

**Bring & Buy Sale.**

**Bad hair/tie day.** like dress down day only much funnier!

**Bungee jump.** what a good excuse to challenge yourselves.





**Cheese & Wine Party.** With just 20 people paying £5 a head, even taking off the cost of the food and drinks you can raise £60 for charity and every £60 helps!

**Car Boot Sale.** We're not advocating the sale of children though.

**Christmas Cards.** Buy some charity ones...FSI may have some....

**Computer Games Knockout.** Do something you enjoy boys: competition and computer games!

**Cake sale.** Pep up that Friday feeling with some cakes.

**Come Dine With Me.**

**Competitions.** Inter-office/department tournaments (could get messy!)

**Cabaret Show.** Got some budding singers, actors or comedians in your office? Make a show of them!

**Car wash.** Could be themed.



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**Down Under.** Friends and neighbours would love an Aussie-themed party. So stock up on the beer and fire up the Barbie!

**Disco.** Organise one at work or home, don't forget the glitter ball!

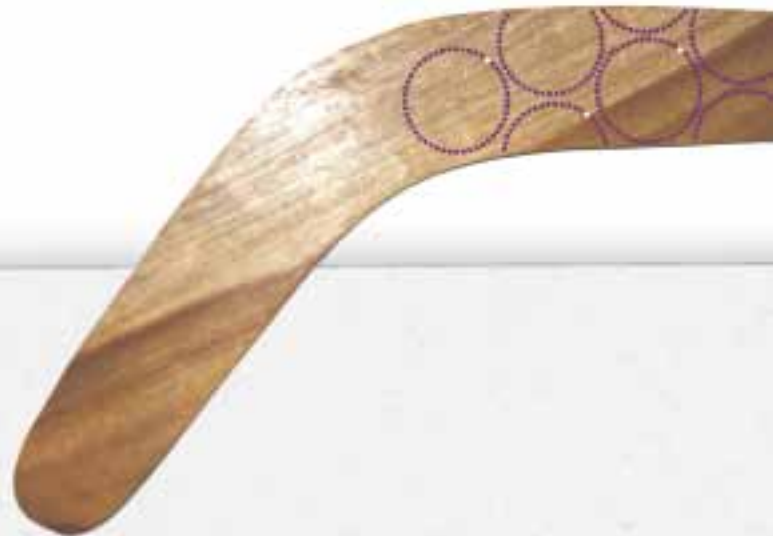
**Dress Down Day.** Wear your comfy jeans to work

**DVD swap shop.** Everyone bring some in, borrow for a pound or two.

**Donkey Derby.** Drum up some healthy rivalry between you and your local office

**Dog walking.** Have you got busy friends? Keep fit and have some company

**Dance Marathon.** Add some different types of dancing in – African, salsa, ballroom...





**Empty Out Your Attic.** Turn your clutter into money at a car boot sale or bring and buy.

**Easter-Egg Hunt.** Fantastic idea when here's chocolate at the end!

**Egg-and-Spoon Race** or other such childhood races

**Eurovision Song Contest.** Pick a country to represent and get your own Terry Wogan to host!

**Eating competition.** How many doughnuts/ hotdogs can you eat in 3 minutes?

**Eighties night/day.** don't even try and pretend there aren't some hideous clothes hiding at the back of your wardrobe!





**Film Night.** Film Fans will discover that hosting a movie night with themed food and guests just adds to the magic...from cous cous and forties glamour for Casablanca, to a Greek-style knees-up for Shirley Valentine.

**Face Painting.** Kids and adults love it, it's colourful and fun.

**Fashion Show.** Know any budding designers? Do a serious one, or raid your wardrobe for those hilarious fashion disasters!

**Fancy Dress Party.** Need we say more? Heros, heroines, witches and wizards...

**Fete.** Organise your own, or get a stall at the village fete.

**Flower and fruit stall.** How about popping to the shop before lunch to save people time and encourage healthy eating. Charge a slight profit for charity...!

**Food Hamper Raffle.** Everyone bring an item, then buy a raffle ticket to win the lot

**Football tournament.** Organise an inter-office/department tournament. Get outside, do some exercise and gain some fans!







**Green Fingers.** Liven up your office and home with a plant sales.

**Game Show.** try your very own Blind Date or Blockbusters.

**Guess the Baby Photo Competition.** This is fun: ask your office to bring in photos of themselves when young, or photos of their children, stick them up in the office, enter the competition to guess the baby photos.

**Guess How Many.** Fill a sweetie jar with lots of sweets, ask people to enter to guess the number of sweets.





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**Hat Day at Work.** Horns, baby bonnets, top hats, wear silly headgear and ask friends to do the same for the day and pay for the privilege.

**Halloween Party.** Witches, ghosts, monsters, feel free to dress up!

**Hoopla.** Set you or your colleague a challenge to keep the hoop going for 1 minute (it's harder than it looks!) or 200 loops.





**Instead of Presents.** Celebrate a special occasion such as a birthday or wedding – ask your guests to help you make a gift to a good cause – one that will make a difference to so many lives.

**It's a Knockout.** Think of some brilliantly inventive games: bungee runs, greasy poles, water slides, huge costumes and gunge!

**I think...** what's your idea?



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**Jelly Wellies.** Organise the squelchiest race ever – great whatever age you are.

**Jumble Sale.** Raid through your wardrobe for things you don't use anymore

**Jeans At Work Day.** Pay a £1 for the privilege and feel comfy all day

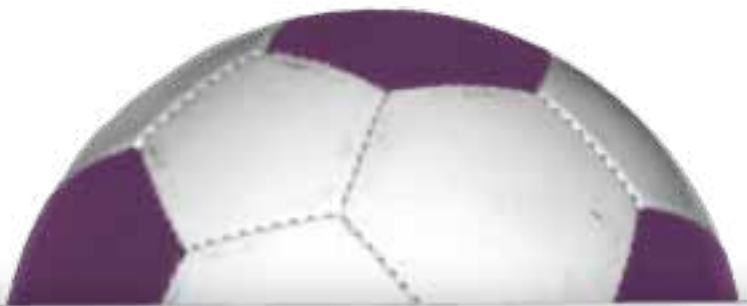




**Keepy Uppy.** If you've got a budding Beckham in the family, sponsor them to keep the ball in the air for as long as possible.

**Karaoke Night.** This is always good fun. Pay to nominate people for songs and they can only get out of it by matching the money! Think your boss and I'm a Barbie Girl...

**Kite Flying.** The UK summer might be rubbish, but there's always a positive.....





**Local Treasure Hunt.** Your area is full of fascinating stories so dig some up and turn them into clues, then charge friends, neighbours and anyone else interested to enter a Treasure Hunt – one winner scoops the treasure but all enjoy!

**Line Dancing.** Bring those boots and cowboy hats!

**Lollipop Hunt.**

**Lucky Dip.** Up to you what you put in it!

**Lookalike Competition.** Who do you look like?





**Marathons are not just about running.** We salute those who run Marathons – dedicated, fit and an inspiration but you can all think of a Marathon you could do – Marathon on a treadmill Marathon on a bike – Marathon table tennis match - you think of it someone will sponsor you to do it. Do it in shifts.

**Musical Events.** Talent show or orchestra?

**Murder Mystery Dinner Party.**

**Magic Show.** Be a magician to delight your colleagues and don't forget your lovely assistant

**Masked Ball.**





**Nailbiter or chocoholic.** Whatever your naughty habit, give it up with a little sponsored help from your friends.

**New Year's Eve Party.** Have a party at home, save money on expensive drinks and bars - give it to charity.







**Orienteering Race.** Get out in the Great Outdoors and use your navigation skills

**One Hundred Club.** Do anything that has the number '100' in it

**Origami Class/Competition.**

**Odd Jobs.** Lawn mowing, DIY etc.





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**Purple Hair.** Purple hair looks good and if it's for a good cause and you promise to wear it for a day, at a special occasion whatever – friends will sponsor you.

**Pancake Day.** Make pancakes at work... for a charitable price of course

**Pet Talent Show/Guess Who's Pet.**

**Penalty Shoot-Out Competition.**

**Pound Tower Competition.** Get in teams or just have a pound tower in the office – get into competition with other offices to see how high theirs was before it toppled.

**Plate Painting.** Make a day of it, go with friends or kids, and keep the plates as souvenirs.

**Parachute Jump.** Get sponsored to do something that scares or excites you.





**Quiz Nights.** We all love them – they are popular and often hotly contested. Organise one at home or at your local pub – charge people for attending.





**Raffles.** Are simple to organise and in addition to contributions from friends, local businesses may be willing to help you with selling tickets and donating prizes

**Rapping Contest.** Showcase talent, or make a fool of yourselves for fun (and charity)!





**Shopaholics.** Go on a sale challenge to find the best bargains and donate a third of the money saved.

**Sponsored Events.** Walks, runs, swims, challenges....

**Speed-Chess Competition.**

**Sports Day.** Organise an inter-office, or group of friends Sports day in the park, pick a colour for your team, pay a fiver to enter.....

**Swear Box.** Put one in your office or home

**Silly Games Afternoon.** Think space hoppers, egg and spoon race, wheel-barrow races

**Silence.** How long can your nominated person keep quiet for?





**Teddy Bear's Picnic.** Wonderful fun for kids, nostalgic for adults and of course great for bears – organise one and charge for attending.

**Tea Party.** invite your friends round for a tea party, raise money for charity at the same time.

**Tombola.** Bring a bottle, buy tickets...maybe win!

**Top of the Pops Show.** Missing the show? Use your imagination to recreate your own.

**Tuck Shop.** The less healthy option of the fruit stall. Pop down to the shops and bring back some sweets, anyone can buy, for a tiny added price (for charity).

**Trivial Pursuit Evening.** Everyone loves the board game. Charge a small entry fee and play away!

**Theme Days.** Maybe Superheroes or Hawaiian Shirts.



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**Unwanted presents.** We all receive those hideous gifts at Christmas so get together with friends, have a giggle and a sale, or eBay them and donate the money.

**Up the Bidding.** With charity bid or poker nights.

**University Challenge.** Nominate your very own Jeremy Paxman.





**Valentine.** St. Valentine's Day is an ideal time for flirty fundraisers to organise a party or dinner, ball or kissathon.

**Variety Show.** It might not be Royal but it'll be fun!







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**Wine to Whisky.** What's that strange purple cocktail at the back of the drinks cupboard (check it's not methylated spirits!)? Collect all your unopened bottles – the ones you don't even intend to open – ask your friends to do the same and run a tombola – throw in other items, dinner and music it's a great night out.

**Wimbledon Tennis Party.** Pimms and strawberries; need we say more?

**Wishing Well.** Create your own in the office, People love to through coins into water.





**X Marks the spot.** When you draw up a pirate's map and ask people to pay 50p for a guess.  
Treasure ahoy!

**X-Files Day.** The truth is out there.....





**You will find** friends, colleagues and the general public really willing to support you if you're raising funds for a great cause so don't hold back get out there and fundraise and know that you are making a real difference in the lives of so many people.

**Yacht Regatta.** Dress up and watch.

**Yoga.** Anyone in the office know how to do it? Relax at lunch with a class.





**Zzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzz.** When the funds are raised, you can relax. . . . .once the money's been counted and banked and the last thing you hear is THANK YOU for being a fantastic fundraiser and a fantastic supporter.

