



A – Z of Fundraising Ideas

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Abseil – this is a thrilling, adrenaline-fuelled experience that people can sponsor you to do. Are you brave enough?

Aerobics Class – get friends and family to pay a donation to join your aerobics class.

Afternoon Tea – selling tickets to treat people to Afternoon Tea is a very enjoyable experience and you can hold a raffle to raise extra funds while they are there.

Arts Fair – are you artistic? Or know a few people who would like to show off their talents? Organising an Art Fair is a great fundraiser for those artistic types

B

Bag Packing – Many local supermarkets allow bag packing groups to come in to raise funds for a local cause. Get some friends together and see how much you could raise at the weekend?

Bake Sale – The good old-fashioned bake still is still as popular today as it was 20 years ago. This can be held at work or at your local community hall. Who doesn't love tea and cake!

Beard Shave – would you consider shaving your beard for charity? Slightly less dramatic than a head shave but still a great reason to change your look for a while.

Bike Ride – would you like to get sponsored to get on your bike? Ask friends, family and colleagues to sponsor you per mile. You can do this alone or with a group of friends.

Bingo Night – everyone loves a game of bingo! A very clear “how to” guide for organising a Bingo night can be found here <https://www.bingoport.co.uk/bingo-news/how-to-host-a-bingo-night-fundraiser>

Birthday – Have you thought of donating your birthday? Rather than asking for presents on your special day, you could ask your friends and family to donate the price of a pint (or a present!) to Perth Autism Support. Facebook have very easy birthday fundraiser options should you wish to use social media to promote it.

Busking – are you a talented musician or singer? With permission from Perth & Kinross Council, why not try your hand at busking in the town centre?

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Car Boot Sale – Charge people to take a table in a local car park (with permission from the land owner) to sell items they no longer need or want. If the weather is dodgy, then an indoor alternative would be a tabletop sale.



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Coffee Morning – gather a group and organise your own coffee morning with a tombola stall, cake and candy, bric-a-brac etc. A very popular way to raise money and have a good giggle with friends at the same time.

Collection Buckets – Collections at train stations, shopping centres and sporting events are a great way to make use of a gathering crowd for fundraising. You will always need permission to hold a collection so speak to Faith about who to contact. We have both buckets and smaller tins available for use.

Christmas Carols – Everyone loves carols at Christmas. Gather a group of friends together and ask local shops if you could sing to their customers in return for donations.

Car Wash – possibly best to do this activity in the summer months but everyone loves having a clean car. You will need a good source of running water and some willing volunteers to help clean those passing motors.

D

Dinner Party – Host a dinner party and ask friends to donate what they would have paid to visit a restaurant. A great way to show off your cooking skills.

Dinner Dance – do you know a ceilidh band? How about hosting a fundraising dinner dance with a silent auction of prizes?

Dress Down Day – how about asking your work colleagues to pay to be able to wear what they like for a day? Obviously, you will need the boss's permission but who can say "no" to raising funds for such a worthwhile cause?

E

Eighties Night - The 1980s were a decade of bold style, colors, and silhouettes—permed hair included. With trends spanning from ripped tights and leather to polished oversized blazers, and style icons ranging from Joan Jett to Joan Collins, it was one of the most eclectic decades in fashion. What better excuse to get dressed up and have a laugh while raising money?

Eurovision Song Contest Sweepstake – this could equally be done for Strictly Come Dancy, Dancing on Ice, Grand National or World Cup Football etc.

F

Face Painting – do you have skills with a paintbrush. All kids (and some adults) love a bit of face paint and will pay for the privilege.



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Fancy Dress Day – how about asking your colleagues to dress up rather than dress down? Some people love an excuse to be a bit different! Or if you brave enough, ask them to vote on what you should wear for a day? Each vote costs money and if they want a photo with you dressed up.....they have to pay!

Fashion Show – local boutiques love opportunities to show off their stock and a percentage of the sales on the night can be given to charity. Along with entrance fees and a raffle, Fashion shows can make great fundraisers.

Firewalk – one of your adrenaline fuelled fundraisers that asks you to walk across hot coals in aid of charity. Are you cool enough?

Five-Aside sports tournament – this doesn't need to be just football, it could be hockey, rugby or any sport that requires team participation. Charge an player fee and ask local businesses to sponsor the teams and prizes.

G

Games Night – My personal favourite is a Games Night so you can totally geek out your friends and charge them for the privilege. Additional fundraising can come from charging for snacks, swear jars, toilet break charges and taking too long to make your move.

Garden Party – Open up your garden to family, friends and even the local community if you are brave enough.

Give Something up – giving up the takeaway coffee you pick up every morning on the way to work or that meal deal from the supermarket at lunch time for a month is a brilliant fundraising idea. Could you do it?

Golf Event – get your local golf club involved and host a day's golfing for charity. As well as charging a fee to enter, you can have competitions for Closest to the Tee, Longest Drive and if it is a big corporate event, you can buy insurance to cover a large cash prize for a Hole in One.

H

Halloween Party – or any other seasonal party really. Invite your friends for fun and games but they need to pay to enter. Prizes for best costumes, best jokes etc.

Hour of Pay – Quick and easy. Ask your friends, family and colleagues to donate an hour of your pay to Perth Autism Support.

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Indoor Rowing Machine – set yourself a rowing challenge or invite your friends to help you complete a longer distance. Sponsorship opportunities galore.

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James Bond Night – dress up as your favourite Bond character, have a quiz, play charades and even prepare your drinks in the same way as everyone’s favourite hero.

K

Karaoke Night – a great night singing your favourite songs and being charge for the privilege. If there is a particular song you hate....why not pay a premium to stop anyone singing it throughout the night!

L

Ladies Lunch – but why restrict it to ladies? Why does it need to be a formal event? Hosting a lunch in the office or having a full on “ladies who lunch” event with entertainment is a great way to party in the name of fundraising.

M

Marathon – or maybe a Half Marathon? There are many different runs to choose from. They can be local 5km Perthshire Tattie Run or the Edinburgh Marathon or how about the New York Marathon? The choice is entirely up to you and by asking for sponsorship, it is a great motivational tool when the weather is not in your favour.

Murder Mystery Party – why not host a murder mystery party and charge for the privilege of joining u to solve the clues?

Music event – a Battle of the Bands style event is a great night’s entertainment, promotes local bands looking for a break and can be a great fundraiser. Do you know anyone who is dreaming about being a rock star?

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Night in – get your friends to donate the cost of a night in the pub and make up your own bar, including cocktails for a little bit extra!



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Non-uniform day – kids love a non-uniform day and will willingly pay to wear their pjs or just their own clothes. Get in touch with your local school and ask them if they

O

Office Party – Is your Manager up for a laugh? Would he/she be willing to go “in the stocks” for a good cause? How about putting his/her feet in a bucket of beans? Always a great fundraiser!

Open Garden – Do you have a garden that people admire? It is hard to see or have hidden gems waiting to be found? How about opening up your garden to visitors and donate the entrance fee to PAS?

P

Pamper Party – Host a party and swap skills to give each other make overs.

Pancake Party – My daughters love pancakes and it looks like it could be an Olympic sport the amount they want to eat. How about getting your friends to bring their own toppings and selling them as many pancakes they can eat.

Photographer – do you have skills with a camera? How about taking some action shots of your friend’s dogs and asking for a donation to PAS?

Poker Night – hold a poker night with your friends and split the pot with Perth Autism Support?

Pre-loved sale – do your friends love your clothes but you are getting tired of wearing the same things? How about holding a pre-loved sale of items you no longer want?

Q

Quiz Night – do you fancy yourself as quiz master or know someone who loves to test your trivia knowledge? Why not host a quiz night in the local pub or community hall? Once you have people in the room a quick game of “stand up bingo” can raise that little bit extra at half time.

R

Raffle – an old favourite fundraiser but how about mixing it up a little bit? Do you have a skill that could be raffled off? Do you love ironing and donate an hour of your time to someone who hates it? A raffle with a difference!



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Race Night - Race nights are an ideal way to maximise your fundraising revenue. Not only can you raise money on the night of the race night itself, but you can also raise sponsorship of the races, sell the “horses” and hold an auction for the last race.

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Swimathon – hold a swimathon or get sponsored for swimming a long distance either by yourself or in teams.

Sponsored Silence – One that I remember from my brownie days. Can you keep totally silent for an hour, 4 hours, 12 hours? I can't! How about challenging yourself or your whole family to take part?

Swear box – always a good fundraiser for an office would be the Swear Box. Charge £1 for every time someone says a bad word.

Sweepstake – see Eurovision Song Contest Sweepstake. The idea is the same but the choice of event is totally yours.

Sweets in a jar – a great little fundraiser for adults and kids alike. Remember to keep a note of the number of sweets you put in as you don't want to have to count them at the end.

T

Talent Show – Get friends, colleagues and family together and show off your hidden talents. Raise money through ticket sales and look for sponsorship of prizes.

Tombola – a popular addition to any fundraising event.

Tough Mudder - this will challenge you to step out of your comfort zone and stretch both your physical and mental limits. It combines an epic mud run with world-class obstacles to form a unique team-work based experience. When you cross the finish line, it's not about results, it's about proving to yourself what more you are capable of <https://toughmudder.co.uk/weekends/scotland/>

Treasure hunt – this can either be on foot or in the car but beware of road traffic laws when organising a car treasure hunt. Or if you are in a static position, draw a treasure map and draw grid lines to create squares. Sell each square as people “hunt” for the treasure.

Tribute Fund – a Tribute fund is a lovely way to remember a loved one who has passed. <https://www.muchloved.com/> is a “not for profit” company who provide a platform for you to set up a tribute page and gather donations to your chosen charity.

Tuck Shop – a brilliant way to make money at your work. Bulk buy some popular treats and sell them to your colleagues at shop prices. All profits are then donated to PAS.



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U – you are the best fundraiser as you believe in our cause and can deliver that passion and drive when people ask what you are fundraising for. Thank you!

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Variety Show – See talent show.

W

Walk – a sponsored walk is an excellent way to spend time with your friends and raise money at the same time. How about a Munroe challenge or for something more along the flat, the Fife Coastal Path or Pilgrims Way are both excellent signposted routes.

Waxing – one of the most painful fundraisers but it certainly appears to be a good laugh for the audience.

Whose the baby – a great business fundraiser but maybe best to consider having them all black and white as not to give away too many clues.

Wine Tasting – This can also be substituted for Gin/whisky/rumwhatever your favourite tippie might be.

Weight of the cake - another family favourite at the Gala Day is guessing the weight of a fruit cake.

X

x-box tournament – A 6 hour competition in which gamers across various platforms submit their achieved victories after the allotted time period to see who comes out on top.

Y

Yogathon – why not run your own yoga class and ask participants to pay an entry fee?

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Ziplining – are you looking to get your heart racing and face your fear of heights? This may be the fundraiser for you.

Zumbathon – see yogathon above