

A – Z of Fundraising Ideas

What better way to support IWORK4ME than by getting together with family, friends or colleagues and organising your own event to help raise vital funds.

We have put together some ideas which we hope offer inspiration! The most important thing to remember is that fundraising should be FUN! For further ideas and helpful information, visit www.how2fundraise.org.

We are here to help, so for more information, resources or support and advice, please contact Sue Hope on 07702 812987 or email sue@iwork4me.org.uk.

A

Auction

Ask People to offer their time or expertise as part of an Auction of Promises.

Afternoon Tea

Charge friends and family to attend a 'real afternoon tea'.

B

Bring and Buy Sale

Always a winner!

Bad Taste Clothing Day

Organise a dress down day with a difference in your place of work.

C

Car Washing

Charge to wash cars for friends and neighbours.

Cake Bake

At home or in the office this is always popular – sell slices for £1.00

D

Dog Walking

Offer your services as a dog walker.

Demonstration

Invite an expert to do a talk or demonstration of their skills and charge people to attend.

E

eBay

Register on eBay.co.uk and have fun auctioning off unwanted items.

Exhibition

As local craftspeople to hold an exhibition of their work and charge admission.

F

Football Matches

Speak to local clubs about organising a half time collection.

Fun Runs

Organise your own event or book a place in an officially organised event near you.

G

Garden Party

Open your garden to the public and charge admission.

Go Green!

Eat only green food for a day and ask people to sponsor you.

H

Hat Day

Ask people to wear hats for the day to the office and charge £1.00. Offer prizes for best/biggest/most outrageous!

Head Shave

Find a brave person to raise money by getting sponsored to shave their head!

I

Individual Gifts

Ask for donations or pledges of an hour's pay or a day's holiday.

International Evening

A dinner party with a difference with each course from a different country.

J

Jumble Sale

Easy to organise and always popular!

Jewellery Evening

One for the ladies! Invite a local jeweller along to talk about their craft and take a percentage of anything they sell on the night.

K

Karaoke Night

One for all ages! Ask a local hotel or pub to help organise this fun event.

Knobbly Knees Competition

An easy fundraiser for the office!

L

Lunch In

Ask friends to take sandwiches to work for a week or a month and donate the money they save.

Local Races or Marathons

Take advantage of events in your area and get sponsored to take part.

M

Mile of Pennies

Ask pupils at local schools to collect coins in a smarties tube and on a set day try and make a mile of pennies around the playground.

Master Class

Do you have a skill or talent? Why not organise classes and charge people to be shown how it is done.

N

Non-Uniform Day

An easy fundraiser for schools to organise. Pay £1.00 to attend school in your own clothes.

Nearly New Sale

Organise a sale of clothes, baby items, toys and unwanted gifts.

O

Online Giving

Set up a Just Giving page and email the link to friends and colleagues so that they can sponsor you online.

Opera

See if a local theatre would donate a percentage of the ticket sales on opening night.

P

Parachuting

Research local centres and organise a leap into the unknown! Go to www.skylineparachuting.co.uk for more information.

Plant Sale

Sell cuttings of all your favourite plants to family and friends.

Q

Quiz Events

Always a popular fundraiser – organise a quiz night at a local hotel.

R

Return to the 60's party (or 50's, 70's etc)

Sell tickets and award prizes for the best fancy dress and dance the night away!

Run, Walk Cycle or Trek

Find an event near you or abroad at www.timeoutdoors.com or www.doitforcharity.com.

S

Sponsored Events

Run, walk, dance or sit in a bath of baked beans! Ask friends and family to find a fun way of raising sponsorship.

Safari Supper

Dinner party with a difference – each course in a different house!

T

Tug of War

Organise your own event or ask local Young Farmers Clubs to organise an event and donate the proceeds.

Treasure Hunt

By car or on foot – arrange a route with clues leading to the treasure and charge people to enter.

U

Uphill all the way!

Organise a sponsored walk up a nearby hill.

V

Variety Show

Set up a Britain's Got Talent style show and charge people to enter.

Valentine's Day Ball

A great excuse to get dressed up!

W

Wine Tasting Evening

Ask a local wine merchant to bring along a range of wines and charge people to attend the tasting.

Word Search

A cheap and easy way to raise money. Sell copies to family and friends, pick a winning entry out of a hat on a designated date.

X

Xmas Cards and Decorations

Make your own cards and decorations and sell them at local craft fairs.

X Factor

Organise your own version of the hit TV Show.

Y

Yes Day!

Ask people to sponsor you to say 'yes' to peoples' (reasonable!) demands for a day.

Your own idea

We've got you thinking! The above offer some ideas, but maybe you have one or your own? Let us know and we can help.

Z

Zany Tie Day

£1.00 to participate and £2.00 for those who don't!

Zumba-thon

Organise a sponsored dance exercise class.