

# Fundraising essentials

## A - Z of ideas



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### Arts or crafts stall

Let your imagination go wild and reap the rewards. Try making greetings cards, pot pourri or jewellery to sell.

### Barbeque

Charge neighbours, friends and family a small fee to attend your barbeque. If you get them all to bring a bottle or some nibbles, costs should be kept down. You could also contact your local Bunning's store about booking in a fundraising BBQ. Be sure to get in early as these spots book out very quickly.



### Cake sale

Let the Nigella or Jamie Oliver side take over and get baking. Sell your cakes on to your friends, work colleagues and family.

### Demote the boss

Set up a sponsor template and ask your work colleagues to sponsor your boss to work behind reception for a set amount of time (1hr is probably reasonable). Talk to your boss and make sure they agree first!

### eBay

Why not have a good look around your house and pull out those bits and pieces you no longer have a use for?

### Fun run or walk

Get sponsored to take part in an organised race - or organise your own where you live



### Garage sale

Ready for a spring clean? No matter the season, a garage sale is a great way to raise funds AND de-clutter your home.

### High tea

Organise a delicious high tea for you and your friends. You could bake yourself, or approach businesses to donate the produce.



### International evenings

Choose a country and host an event in keeping with their traditions. Cook themed meals, have themed table decorations and wear appropriate clothing.

### Jewellery making/selling

Buy beads and wire in bulk and get creative. You could sell your creations to family and friends or even book a stall at a local market.

### Karaoke competition

Rent a karaoke machine and hold an event in your local pub, school hall, or home. Sell tickets or make it a competition and charge people to enter.

### Luncheon

Invite everyone in your workplace, school or street to a grand lunch (for a small fee). Make some delicious treats and nibbles. This could work especially well in an office, where people will appreciate an unusual break in the middle of the day.



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## Matched funding

Many people work for companies who will match funds raised by their employees for charitable organisations. Check with your HR Manager to see what programs are in place. Alternately, your company may choose to support you in other ways such as doing a feature article on your efforts in the internal staff newsletter or email.

## Netball tournament

Get local and school teams to pay to enter; get a sports shop to donate cool prizes for the winning team.

## Odd job days

Lawn-mowing, DIY, carrying shopping, walking dogs... offer your services in the neighborhood - no job too small.

## Picnics

Sell tickets in advance; with a little imagination you can make great, fun picnic food from cheap ingredients.

## Quiz nights

Quiz and Trivia nights can be a lot of fun for all ages. Book out a local hall, bowls club or similar venue and invite people to purchase tickets. There are also a variety of great websites which allow you to download trivia questions for free.

## Raffles

Everyone loves a raffle! Get friends and local companies to donate prizes.

## Silly games afternoon

Egg and spoon, silly races, wet sponge throwing... use your imagination.

## Treasure hunt

People pay you for the first clue. You lay a trail of clues with a top prize at the end.

## Unsolicited donations

Everything is gratefully accepted!

## Variety show

Does your Dad play the didge? Can your dog dance the tango? Put on a variety show with a difference.

## Wine tasting evening

Spend an evening tasting fine wines with friends, family or work colleagues. Charge participants an entry fee that covers wine, cheese and a donation.



## Xmas in July

Host an event at a restaurant or your house and theme it for Xmas. Hold raffles and other fundraising sides.

## Your idea

Often the best fundraising ideas are the ones you come up with yourself.

## Zany events

The list is endless... use your musical talent to busk 4 stroke, set a bookreading challenge, eliminate your favourite food from your diet for a month... Get people to sponsor you in your own challenge!

