

## Fundraising Ideas You can do at home or as an individual

1. *Sky Dive, Bungee Jump or Abseil* Raise money by launching yourself out a plane at 15,000 feet! Or take the plunge with a bungee jump or Abseil. There are lots of places that run activities like these and they will love to help you raise money for charity. Ensure you plan in advance so that you raise enough money to cover the cost of the jump and still raise money from lots of sponsorship.
2. *24 Hour Event* A fundraising event that lasts 24 hours! A test of strength, stamina and who can drink the most coffee! A 24 hour event could be anything from a 24 hour football match, karaoke marathon, pool marathon or sponsored silence.
3. *Food and Wine Tasting* For a more adult themed food event then run a food and wine tasting night to raise money. Buy in bulk from your local supermarket or better still, approach your local off license and see if they will donate wine in return for free advertisement at the event. So how do I make money? I hear you ask, well you either charge guests a flat fee to attend or you can ask for voluntary amounts at the end of the evening. You could also run a raffle to win a bottle of wine or champagne on the night too.
4. *Dinner Party* If you are feeling adventurous and are confident in your own culinary skills, then why not throw your own dinner party? You can ask you your guest for donations when they arrive. You could also see if local business will donate prizes so you can have raffle during the evening too.
5. *Come dine with me* Why not get a group of friends together and hold a dinner competition in the style of the tv programme? Everyone pays to enter and each hold their party with the others as guests, then vote. The winner gets half of the money and SBS gets the other half.
6. *Coffee Morning* Why not throw on the kettle and bake a cake, all in the name of charity? With very little outlay, this fundraiser is a guaranteed success, simply ask your friends, family and work colleagues for a donation in return for coffee and slice of homemade cake.
7. *Charity Film Night* This is a quick and easy fundraiser which doesn't require too much organisation. Simply invite your friends and family over to watch the latest blockbuster in return for a donation.
8. *Karaoke Evening* Host your very own Eurovision song contest. Each participant picks a country out the hat and has to dress in the style and character of that country. Elected judges will then award prizes to the best dressed and the best voice! You can raise funds by charging an admissions fee. If you are hosting it in a local pub, you could propose a cut on the food and drinks takings for the evening if you have a large enough party.
9. *Charity Head Shave* The idea is simple and a great attention grabber, guaranteed to attract publicity and sponsorship.
10. *Swear Box* Stick a swear box in the office, home or social club to raise money for charity. Every time someone swears they have to put a £1 in the box, it will soon add up!
11. *Eco fines* Stick an eco-box in the office or home and raise even more. Every time someone forgets to turn the light out or tv off or leaves a tap dripping they have to put £1 on the box. Good for funds, even better for the environment!

12. *No Smoking/Swearing/Chocolate/Alcohol* Get people to sponsor you to give up smoking, lose weight or going without your favourite tippie for as long as possible. Possibly get sponsorship for every day that you don't eat chocolate or manage not to swear!
13. *Garage Sale or Car Boot* One person's trash is another person's treasure. Why not have a garage sale or take everything to a car boot – perhaps get the whole community involved and organise a whole event with lots taking part?
14. *Odd Job* Go around your local community offering to give a helping hand in return for a charitable donation. A great way to fundraise, especially if you enjoy DIY. You could do anything from weeding or mowing someone's lawn to building flatpack furniture.
15. *Cake Sale* Bake some cakes and set up a cake and bake sale at your home/work place or school. You could also serve hot and cold drinks to increase revenue. Remember to cook a wide selection of different cakes to cater for all tastes.
16. *Door to Door Food Selling* If you are fundraising on a small scale consider door to door sales to raise some money for your chosen charity. You can bake some homemade cakes and cookies and sell them in your local neighbourhood. Remember to take proof of the charity you are collecting for and carry around leaflets to hand to people to explain more about where their money is going. Not only will you raise cash but awareness too.
17. *Sweet Sale* Use the power of the sweet tooth to raise funds. Set up a sweet shop at your school or workplace. This fundraiser has minimal overheads and requires little planning. It is also worth speaking to local shops to see if they will donate some sweets for the cause.
18. *Gift Wrapping Service* Another great Christmas period fundraiser, this time you can offer to wrap up peoples' presents in return for a fee. Make sure your fees cover the cost of materials to ensure a profitable and successful fundraiser
19. *Bike Ride or Walk* Organise a bike ride or walk or ramble and get your friends, family, colleagues and businesses to sponsor you. Choose a route and time frame which is suitable for the participants. Schools could use a circuit of their local area. The adventurous could choose an off-road mountain or moorland trail. Famous routes include London to Brighton and if you're feeling slightly more ambitious Land's End to John O'Groats.
20. *Sponsored Litter Picking* Whether it is your local park, beach or country road there always seems to be litter. Help the environment, have fun and raise some funds by collecting as much as possible – perhaps being sponsored by the kilo collected? Get your friends, family and neighbours together and have a prize for the biggest stash?
21. *Car Rally* If you like road trips then this is the fundraiser for you. Get people to sponsor you to drive from A to B - The more extravagant the better! Popular routes include driving through Europe or round the east coast of America.
22. *Recycling* There are numerous companies that will pay for recycled goods. Put up some posters at your work place, school or around your neighbourhood advertising for people's rubbish. You will receive money for broken phones, old ink cartridges and scrap gold to name but a few.