

Let's put the FUN into FUNdraising

...the A to Z of fundraising ideas...

<p>a</p>	<p><i>Abseil</i></p> <p><i>Advertising Booklet</i></p> <p><i>Aerobics</i></p> <p><i>Afternoon Tea</i></p> <p><i>Air Miles</i></p> <p><i>Aluminium Collection</i></p> <p><i>Arts/Crafts Stall</i></p> <p><i>Art exhibition</i></p> <p><i>'As New' Sale</i></p> <p><i>Auction</i></p> <p><i>Auction of Services</i></p>	<p>Scale the dizzy heights of a local landmark or office block.</p> <p>Compile a local information booklet for distribution at libraries, shops and businesses. Include info on local attractions. Make money with adverts and discount vouchers from local firms.</p> <p>Organise a sponsored aerobathon with the help of gyms, leisure centres and sports shops.</p> <p>Put the kettle on and get baking. Entertain guests with raffles, auctions, tombolas & live music.</p> <p>Collect your own, then raffle them off.</p> <p>Collect empty cans and tins and sell them to a recycling company.</p> <p>Make necklaces, dried flower arrangements, stained glass mirrors, etc, to sell on a stall.</p> <p>Stage an exhibition for local artists. Charge entrance fee and commission.</p> <p>AKA posh jumble sale. Ask everyone you know for unwanted belongings & hold a sale evening.</p> <p>Auction off original items, taking a percentage of sales.</p> <p>Auction services of people and businesses - anything from singing lessons to dinner for two.</p>
<p>b</p>	<p><i>Badge Making</i></p> <p><i>Bad tie day</i></p> <p><i>Baked Bean Bath</i></p> <p><i>Balloon Race</i></p> <p><i>Balloon Rides Barbecue</i></p> <p><i>Barn Dance</i></p> <p><i>Battle of the Bands</i></p> <p><i>Beat the Goalie</i></p> <p><i>Bed Push</i></p> <p><i>Beer Festival</i></p> <p><i>Bingo</i></p> <p><i>Board Games Evening</i></p> <p><i>Boat Race</i></p> <p><i>Boat Trips</i></p> <p><i>Bonny Baby Contest</i></p> <p><i>Book Sale</i></p> <p><i>Bouncy Castle</i></p> <p><i>Bungee Jump</i></p> <p><i>Burns Night</i></p> <p><i>Bus Pull</i></p>	<p>Make badges to sell at work, to friends or at craft fairs.</p> <p>Charge your colleagues a pound to come in wearing their loudest tie. Award the winner.</p> <p>Get sponsored to spend the day in a bath/jacuzzi of baked beans. Charge friends to join you.</p> <p>Sell balloons that are filled with helium; the purchasers' name and address are written on a tag fixed to the balloon. The balloon that travels the furthest wins a prize</p> <p>Offer as a prize for raffle/auction, or sell trips in a chartered balloon.</p> <p>Add stereo, football and rounders bats and make it a whole day's event.</p> <p>Swing into action by hiring a caller and traditional country band. Serve food & plenty of cider.</p> <p>Contest for unsigned bands, where audience votes on the winner. Charge bands to enter, offer cash prizes and invite record producers. Sell tickets and set up a paying bar.</p> <p>Score a goal and win a prize. Footballers pay to enter.</p> <p>The 'bed' can be anything from a hospital bed to a four-poster or even a 3-piece suite!</p> <p>Stock up on international beers, food and music. Remember to check licensing laws.</p> <p>Hold a one-off evening or regular morning sessions.</p> <p>Invite friends over to play Scrabble, Monopoly, Cluedo and more. Charge entrance or game fee.</p> <p>Teams build model boats and race them. Alternatively, use real yachts, dinghies or canoes.</p> <p>Organise a cruise down a nearby river or canal. Include refreshments & entertainment.</p> <p>Charge proud parents to show off their offspring in the town centre. Invite the local press.</p> <p>Sell old books, collected from everyone you know. Book dealers may buy leftover stock.</p> <p>A great way to keep kids entertained at bigger family events. Bouncing fee.</p> <p>Raise sponsorship by flying in the face of fear.</p> <p>Theme evening with Scottish dancing, Haggis, Nepes and Tatties. Admission fee.</p> <p>Gather a team & get sponsored to heave a bus through town. More teams? Make it a race.</p>

<p>C</p>	<p><i>Cake Stall</i> <i>Calendars</i></p> <p><i>Candle making</i> <i>Car boot sale</i></p> <p><i>Car treasure hunt</i> <i>Car wash</i> <i>Carnival</i> <i>Carol concert</i></p> <p><i>Carol singing</i> <i>Casino evening</i> <i>Chariot race</i> <i>Charity ball</i></p> <p><i>Charity push</i> <i>Children's party</i></p> <p><i>Christmas draw</i></p> <p><i>Classic car show</i></p> <p><i>Clocks</i> <i>Coach trips</i></p> <p><i>Coconut shy</i></p> <p><i>Coffee morning</i></p> <p><i>Collecting tins</i></p> <p><i>Concerts</i> <i>Cookery demo</i></p> <p><i>Copper collection</i> <i>Craft fair</i></p> <p><i>Cricket match</i> <i>Crossword contest</i></p>	<p>Hold a traditional cake stand at fetes or fairs. Check health and safety regulations. Design & sell a pictorial calendar for your company. Departments/suppliers may sponsor pages.</p> <p>Make and sell candles at craft fairs or coffee mornings.</p> <p>Cash in your old belongings, or sell pitches. Raise more with bouncy castles, raffles, etc.</p> <p>Drive from clue to clue in search of the 'treasure'. Teams pay to enter.</p> <p>Wash cars at shopping centre or office car parks.</p> <p>Arrange a colourful carnival for your town, charging for each float entered.</p> <p>Host a festive concert for your community. Earn extra by selling minced pies & mulled wine.</p> <p>Get a group to go door-to-door singing. Bigger public displays may require a licence.</p> <p>Hire gaming tables and a hall for the evening.</p> <p>Teams race decorated 'chariots' - anything from a horse and cart to a sedan chair.</p> <p>Raise sponsorship the sophisticated way. Organise a themed ball with DJ or live music at a hotel or nightclub. Charge for tickets, but boost your earnings with games and raffles.</p> <p>Get sponsored to cover a set distance in a bed, shopping trolley, bathtub, wheelie bin...</p> <p>Organise children's parties or activities, but be sure to check relevant childcare practices.</p> <p>Sell tickets and ask local firms to supply prizes. Check regulations about public draws & raffles.</p> <p>Well-organised classic car and bike shows are great crowd pullers and fantastic fundraisers.</p> <p>Build clocks to sell at craft fairs.</p> <p>Coach trips to London, Blackpool, flower shows, etc, are popular. Sell tickets and hold a raffle.</p> <p>Easily arranged game for traditional fairs. All you need are a few coconuts and wooden balls.</p> <p>It's open house for the morning. Make extra with raffles, bring and buy sales and cake stalls.</p> <p>Trusted fundraiser for busy pedestrian areas. Charity should supply tins, stickers and leaflets.</p> <p>Entertain the crowds with your own recital, or hire bands of musicians.</p> <p>Invite well-known chefs to share the recipe of their success with a ticket-paying audience.</p> <p>Ask people to donate their collections of one and two pence pieces.</p> <p>Make necklaces, dried flower arrangements, stained glass mirrors, etc, to sell on a stall.</p> <p>Assemble a team and challenge your county team to a match. Charge spectators.</p> <p>Compile huge crossword, so punters pay per clue. Each number hides a ticket for prize draw.</p>
<p>d</p>	<p><i>Dance</i> <i>Darts tournament</i> <i>Dinner and cabaret</i></p> <p><i>Directories</i></p> <p><i>Disco</i> <i>Dog show</i></p> <p><i>Duck race</i></p>	<p>Barn dances, tea dances, disco dances, salsa dances - whatever rocks your boat.</p> <p>Challenge all the pub teams in the area to compete for cash prizes, or a barrel of beer.</p> <p>Hire a popular and spacious restaurant. Entertain ticket holders with music, comedy & magic.</p> <p>Compile a community businesses and services directory. Raise funds through advertising.</p> <p>Spin the decks or hire a DJ to stage a themed disco night.</p> <p>Charge proud pet-owners to show off their pooches. Ask pet shops to sponsor the event.</p> <p>Sell numbered plastic ducks and launch them from a bridge. The duck to finish first wins.</p>

e	<p><i>Easter egg hunt</i> <i>Eating marathon</i></p> <p><i>Eyebrows</i></p>	<p>Edible hide and seek. Charge entry fee and ask confectioners to provide the eggs. Get sponsored to stuff your face with as many baked beans/grapes/pies etc. as possible.</p> <p>Get sponsored to shave them off - they grow back eventually!</p>
f	<p><i>Face painting</i> <i>Fancy dress</i> <i>Fashion show</i></p> <p><i>Fastathon</i> <i>Fete</i></p> <p><i>Film evening</i> <i>Fireworks</i></p> <p><i>Flower arranging</i> <i>Flower show</i> <i>Football tournament</i> <i>Foreign coins</i></p> <p><i>Fun day</i> <i>Furniture sale</i></p>	<p>Get creative with face paints at fetes, fairs and children's parties. Jazz up your event with a fancy dress contest. Charge entrance fee. Ask businesses to sponsor venue, outfits or catwalk. Charge admission and sales commission.</p> <p>Get sponsored to fast for an hour, a morning or a day. Consult your doctor first. Reach the whole community by holding a fete, or team up with organisers of an annual event.</p> <p>Recreate an evening of vintage cinema by showing classic films and musicals. Weather permitting, firework displays are massive fundraisers. Check out safety precautions and insurance.</p> <p>Make your own fresh, dried or silk arrangements to sell at craft fairs or fetes. Always popular. Boost funds with competitions, advice corners & side stalls. Schedule fixtures and charge teams to enter. Ask local businesses for prizes. Ask people to donate their leftover holiday coins. Change into sterling once you have enough.</p> <p>Arrange games, music, competitions and stalls at a nearby hall or sports club. Hire a large hall to sell donated furniture and old office equipment. Take sales commission.</p>
g	<p><i>Game show</i></p> <p><i>Garage sale</i> <i>Garden party</i> <i>Gardening</i> <i>Glamorous Gran</i></p> <p><i>Go Kart Grand Prix</i> <i>Greeting cards</i></p> <p><i>Guess the???</i></p> <p><i>Guest speaker</i></p> <p><i>Guided tours</i> <i>Gunge Tank</i></p>	<p>Host mock version of Who Wants To Be A Millionaire or The Weakest Link. Otherwise adapt board games for big audiences, and get prizes donated.</p> <p>Sell off all your unwanted belongings.</p> <p>Sell tickets or invite guests to make a donation.</p> <p>Offer your gardening services to friends and family.</p> <p>Go in search of your area's most glamorous gran. Charge contestants to enter, and ask local hair and beauty salons to donate prizes. Invite the local press.</p> <p>Hold a Go Kart Grand Prix at the nearest track. Drivers pay entrance fee.</p> <p>Make and sell cards for every occasion. Find out about selling Christmas cards for your charity.</p> <p>Competitors guess how many sweets in the jar, a cake's weight, etc. The closest answer wins.</p> <p>Invite a guest speaker and sell admission tickets. Boost funds with raffle & refreshments.</p> <p>Take tourists and visitors on locally guided walks or trips.</p> <p>Charge fairgoers to drop their relatives, friends or enemies in tank of last week's leftovers.</p>
h	<p><i>Halloween party</i></p> <p><i>Head shave</i> <i>Hook-a-duck</i> <i>Hoopla</i> <i>Household sale</i></p>	<p>Another excuse to dress up and party. Charge entrance fees and raise money trick or treating.</p> <p>Sick of bad hair days? Go bald for charity.</p> <p>Fete and fair game. Ask local companies to donate prizes.</p> <p>Fete and fair game. Ask local companies to donate prizes.</p> <p>Sell off all your unwanted belongings.</p>
i	<p><i>Indoor market</i> <i>Inflatable</i></p> <p><i>Ironing</i> <i>It's a knockout</i></p>	<p>Rent out stalls to local traders, or take cut of profits.</p> <p>Put a bounce into your summer fete with an inflatable fly wall, boxing ring or gladiator court.</p> <p>Offer your ironing services - at a cost.</p> <p>Revive the 80s game show by inviting teams to compete in silly games in silly costumes.</p>

<p>j</p>	<p><i>Jailbreak</i></p> <p><i>Jazz festival</i></p> <p><i>Jewellery making</i></p> <p><i>Junk mail</i></p>	<p>Dump teams in the middle of nowhere. With no money or transport, see who gets back to base first. Charge entrance fees and offer prizes.</p> <p>Play your own brand of jazz, or stage a show for local musicians. Sell tickets and refreshments.</p> <p>Buy your own beads and get threading. Sell your products at markets and craft fairs. Collect all your junk mail and sell it to a recycling company.</p>
<p>k</p>	<p><i>Karaoke</i></p>	<p>Arrange your own Pop Idol contest. All you need is a machine, a room and a well-stocked bar.</p>
<p>l</p>	<p><i>Left-handed day</i></p> <p><i>Line dancing</i></p>	<p>Try doing everything with your left hand for the day.</p> <p>It's all the rage. Just make sure you have a caller and plenty of drink!</p>
<p>m</p>	<p><i>Marathons</i></p> <p><i>Medieval Evening</i></p> <p><i>Mile of Pennies</i></p> <p><i>Mini-Olympics</i></p> <p><i>Mufti Day</i></p> <p><i>Music Concert</i></p>	<p>Get sponsored to run a traditional 26-mile race.</p> <p>Themed evening of medieval food, jousting and entertainment.</p> <p>Make a mile of pennies in your town centre. Ask shoppers to help by donating their coins.</p> <p>Invite everyone you know to compete in traditional & silly sports. Charge entry.</p> <p>Introduce dress down day at work. Colleagues pay a fee to leave their suits at home.</p> <p>Entertain the crowds with your own recital, or hire bands of musicians.</p>
<p>n</p>	<p><i>Nature trail</i></p> <p><i>New year resolutions</i></p>	<p>Offer guided walks to natural beauty spots.</p> <p>Get sponsored to stick to your new year's resolutions.</p>
<p>o</p>	<p><i>Open garden</i></p> <p><i>Opera night</i></p> <p><i>Ornament sale</i></p> <p><i>Outward bound</i></p>	<p>Open your garden to visitors. Sell tickets, refreshments, plants and vegetables.</p> <p>Stage an opera evening in your area, or arrange a trip to see a big London production.</p> <p>Set up a market/fair stall. Alternatively, plan your own event and charge for pitches.</p> <p>Go climbing, hiking, camping, etc, in preparation for your trip. Seek sponsorship.</p>
<p>p</p>	<p><i>Paintballing</i></p> <p><i>Pancake race</i></p> <p><i>Pantomime</i></p> <p><i>Parachute jump</i></p> <p><i>Parties</i></p> <p><i>Personalised gifts</i></p> <p><i>Pet show</i></p> <p><i>Petrol tokens</i></p> <p><i>Pick a cork</i></p> <p><i>Pick a ticket</i></p> <p><i>Picture framing</i></p> <p><i>Plant a tree</i></p> <p><i>Plant sale</i></p> <p><i>Playstation play-off</i></p> <p><i>Play your cards right</i></p> <p><i>Pledges</i></p> <p><i>Pop concert</i></p> <p><i>Postage stamps</i></p> <p><i>Private tuition</i></p> <p><i>Programmes</i></p> <p><i>Promotional gifts</i></p> <p><i>Pub games night</i></p> <p><i>Puppet show</i></p>	<p>Organise paintballing challenges at locally run centres. Players pay to enter.</p> <p>Get flipping on Shrove Tuesday. Charge teams to enter, and spectators to eat.</p> <p>Your chance to play the ugly sister. Stage a production with friends, family and colleagues.</p> <p>Daredevils only. Get sponsored to take the plunge.</p> <p>Pick a venue, a date, a theme... and party on. Sell tickets and charge for extras like food.</p> <p>Sell uniquely personalised gifts for special occasions.</p> <p>Charge proud pet-owners to show off their cats, hamsters, bunnies, mice, etc.</p> <p>Trade in petrol tokens for gifts, which can be used as raffle or competition prizes.</p> <p>Fair game. Pick a numbered cork out of a board. If the number's a winner, claim a prize.</p> <p>Fair game. Pick a numbered ticket from a bucket. If the number's a winner, claim a prize.</p> <p>Frame and sell prints of local scenes, or pictures relevant to your charity.</p> <p>Seek sponsors for a "plant a tree" scheme.</p> <p>Sell donated plants or rent out pitches to traders.</p> <p>Organise a league of players and compete on a certain game. Charge entrants.</p> <p>Fair game made famous by Bruce Forsyth. Guess higher or lower 6 times running & win a prize.</p> <p>Gather pledges of support, donations and services. These could be auctioned or raffled off.</p> <p>Hire a venue and invite local bands to play. Sell tickets and set up stalls.</p> <p>Collect and sell foreign and unusual stamps to dealers.</p> <p>Whether it's French or Flamenco, sell your skills with private lessons.</p> <p>Get businesses to advertise in event programmes. Number programmes & use as raffle tickets.</p> <p>Sell promotional gifts with your Charity/organisation logo on.</p> <p>Stage a championship of traditional pub games - darts, skittles, dominoes, cards, etc.</p> <p>Pull in the crowds with a traditional Punch & Judy show, or something more innovative.</p>

q	<i>Quizzes</i>	If your local doesn't run a pub quiz, set one up. Test the regulars on pop, trivia or sport.
r	<i>Race night</i> <i>Raffle</i> <i>Raft race</i> <i>Ramble</i> <i>Recipe book</i> <i>Recycling</i> <i>Refreshments</i> <i>Roll-a-ball</i> <i>Roll-a-coin</i> <i>Roll the dice</i>	<p>The race is run on a large screen after all bets have been taken. A typical evening consists of eight races. Props (and film) are supplied by race operators. Some gaming regulations apply.</p> <p>Ask local firms to donate prizes and sell tickets. Check raffle laws with charity.</p> <p>Teams compete by building their rafts and racing over a set distance. Teams pay to compete.</p> <p>Take to the countryside for a mass walkabout. Throw in a theme (fancy dress, singles, three legged, Easter), and charge for entry and refreshments.</p> <p>Publish favourite recipes from local restaurants and chefs.</p> <p>Collect paper, aluminium, glass, etc, and sell on to recycling companies.</p> <p>Sell teas, coffees, sandwiches, biscuits, cakes, etc, at any fundraising event.</p> <p>Fair game where player rolls a ball through a hole at the end of a bowling-type alley.</p> <p>Fair game where player rolls a coin down a shute, aiming to land on a playing card.</p> <p>Roll six sixes and win a car! You need a big event... and car sponsor to make this worthwhile.</p>
S	<i>Safari supper</i> <i>Sale of Xmas gifts</i> <i>Santa's Grotto</i> <i>Scavenger hunt</i> <i>Scrap metal</i> <i>Shoe shine</i> <i>Shopping coupons</i> <i>Silver collections</i> <i>Sit in a bath</i> <i>Skittles</i> <i>Skydiving</i> <i>Slimming contest</i> <i>Slippery pole</i> <i>Sponge throwing</i> <i>Sponsored silence</i> <i>Sports competition</i> <i>Stage play</i> <i>Stationary cycle</i> <i>Strawberries & cream</i> <i>Street entertaining</i> <i>Swap shop</i> <i>Swear box</i> <i>Swimathon</i>	<p>Travel from restaurant to restaurant, having a different course at each stop. Ask restaurants to support your efforts, but set cover charge to include all food and your cut.</p> <p>Sell Christmas cards, wrapping, gifts, food and drink.</p> <p>Pull on your white beard and brush up your ho, ho, ho.</p> <p>Variation on the treasure hunt where participants have a list of items to collect.</p> <p>Collect scrap metal and sell it to a scrap metal dealer or re-cycling plant.</p> <p>Get down on your knees at your nearest train station or shopping centre.</p> <p>Trade in loyalty points for money or goods (to be used as prizes).</p> <p>Ask supporters to donate their loose change collections.</p> <p>Get sponsored to spend the day in a bath of beans/maggots/tea, etc.</p> <p>Make an evening event out of this traditional pub game.</p> <p>Free fall your way back to earth - for sponsorship.</p> <p>Arrange with local slimming clubs. Participants get sponsored £1 for every pound lost.</p> <p>Fair game where competitors pillow fight while sliding along a slippery pole.</p> <p>Players pay to chuck sopping wet sponges at whoever's in the stocks.</p> <p>Mum's the word. Stay silent for as long as you can.</p> <p>Whatever your game, organise a tournament. Sell tickets, and organise stalls, raffles, etc.</p> <p>Raise the curtain on a local Am Dram production.</p> <p>Don't fancy the map reading? Forget cycling to Paris, but cover the same distance at the gym.</p> <p>Bring the taste of Wimbledon to your event, with this summery refreshment.</p> <p>Get juggling, tight rope walking, fire eating, knife throwing, unicycling...</p> <p>Put unwanted items in touch with loving homes. Charge swappers to participate.</p> <p>Spend a £1 for every \$@*£\$! uttered. Put a box at home, at work and at the pub.</p> <p>Get sponsored per length, mile, minute, hour...</p>
t	<i>Tabletop sale</i> <i>Talent competition</i> <i>Ten-pin bowling</i> <i>Tin can alley</i> <i>Tombola</i> <i>Toy sale</i> <i>Treasure hunt</i> <i>T-shirts & clothing</i> <i>Tuck shop</i>	<p>Indoor variation on the car boot sale. Charge for table hire.</p> <p>Discover Britain's next big thing with your own talent show. Charge entry and offer prizes.</p> <p>Bowling alleys often have special rates for big groups & charity evenings.</p> <p>Traditional fair game. Knock down the stack of tin cans and win a prize.</p> <p>Pick a raffle ticket out of a barrel and match it with a ticketed prize. Fair & fete favourite.</p> <p>In the run up to Christmas, toy sales can be big fundraisers.</p> <p>Sniffing out the clues, teams compete against each other to discover the 'hidden treasure'.</p> <p>Market your charity, club, company by producing a range of promotional clothing.</p> <p>Sell sweets, crisps, cake, drinks, etc, at a children's event.</p>

U	<i>Underwear party Unwanted presents</i>	One for the adults! Charge guests to come wearing it, or take commission for selling it. Arrange a post-Christmas sale of unwanted gifts. Ask traders to donate a cut of their takings.
V	<i>Variety show Vehicle rally Visits</i>	Comedians, magicians, singers, dancers & musicians all under one roof. Well-organised car and bike shows are great crowd pullers and fantastic fundraisers. Organising visits to local places or tourist destinations.
W	<i>Walks Waste paper Water sports Waxing Weight of the cake Welly throwing Whiskey raffle Windscreen wash Wine & cheese Wine tasting Woodcutting Wood working</i>	Lead organised walks to historical spots and places of interest. Ghost walks are also popular. Collect waste paper and sell to recycling companies. Let others splash out as you splash in. Teach water sports or get sponsored to take part. A hair-raising experience for the boys. Get sponsored to wax your legs or chest. Fair game. Pay to guess the weight - and win the cake if you're right. Fun for every fete and fair. Throwers compete to see whose welly goes furthest. Charge a pound a ticket, and pick a winner for every 25 sold. Check licensing and raffle laws. Charge to wash windscreens at service and petrol stations. Ask permission first. Ask supermarkets to donate the wine and cheese. Sell tickets, and produce to take away. Hold tasting sessions for wine companies. Charge commission on wine sold. Arrange a raffle. Offer to prune trees or chop firewood for friends and family. Make and sell your own woodcrafts, or give woodturning/woodcarving demonstrations.
X	<i>Xmas evening Xmas hampers</i>	Stock up on crackers, pudding and mince pies. Break with tradition by holding it in July! Make up and sell your own Xmas hampers. Include food, drink, toys and gifts.
Y	<i>Yacht racing Yard of ale</i>	Participate in regional or national events. Seek sponsorship from local clubs and businesses. Challenge yourself and others to a lengthy drinking contest. Charge entry fee.
Z	<i>Zodiac evening</i>	Invite a guest astrologer for a star-studded fundraiser. Charge for entry and horoscopes.

These are just a few ideas that can help you raise money but there are lots of other things that can be done. Imagination is a wonderful thing and will very often come up with something new.

Whatever you do and however much you raise you can rest assured that all of us at, and who use, The Laura Centre will be extremely grateful.

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