

40 fantastic ideas for fundraising

If you are looking for fun and exciting ways to raise funds for Dingley's Promise, the list below should get you started ... or you may have some great ideas of your own!

- 1. Afternoon Tea**
Organise a tea party at your house or workplace and ask for donations for tea and cakes, you could also organise a raffle to raise even more from your event!
- 2. Alternative Gift**
You could request donations instead of gifts for an anniversary, birthday, Christmas or wedding.
- 3. BBQ**
Hold a BBQ or buffet for friends - they'll be happy to make a donation and eat as much as they can!
- 4. Bring a Pound to Work Day**
Ask all your colleagues to bring just a pound to work in aid of your fundraising event.
- 5. Competitions**
Cheese tasting, blind wine-tasting, 'guess the weight of the baby', 'guess the number of sweets in the jar' - these are all great ways to get people involved.
- 6. Dog walking**
Walk your neighbour's dog in return for a small fee.
- 7. Dress down day**
Organise a dress-down day at your work or school and ask everyone to make a donation in return.
- 8. eBay**
Have a clear-out at home and sell bits on Ebay with the proceeds going towards your fundraising.
- 9. Fancy Dress Party**
Hold a Halloween, Valentine or Christmas party. Sell tickets to your guests or suggest donations to get it Gift Aided.
- 10. Fantastic Fundraising Meals**
Use your cooking skills to hold a fundraising meal at home. Or, if you know a local restaurateur, why not ask them to provide a simple menu for £10 and sell tickets for £15 - £20 to family and friends.
- 11. Five-a-Side**
Get friends and work colleagues to compete in a five-a-side football tournament. You could ask team members for an entry fee and also charge the spectators to watch the game!
- 12. Fashion Show**
Get your friends and local shops involved in organising a fashion show to raise money.
- 13. Garden Party**
Host a garden party or open your gardens and ask guests to make a donation or charge an entry fee.
- 14. Go Without**
Give up something you would really miss, like chocolate or wine, and get people to sponsor you for each day that you manage to go without.
- 15. Head Shave**
Get friends to sponsor you to have your head shaved!
- 16. Ice-skating**
Get people to sponsor you for how many times you can go around the ice skating rink without falling over or needing support.
- 17. Jumble Sale**
Organise your own jumble sale, perhaps in your local village hall.
- 18. Karaoke Evening**
Ask a local pub/club to host one for you and charge people for entry or to take part.
- 19. Loose Change Box**
A place for all your loose change, every penny counts!
- 20. Lunch Money**
Ask all your colleagues to bring sandwiches for their lunch and donate the money saved.

21. Match the Pet to the Owner

Ask your colleagues to bring in one photo of themselves and one of their pet. Charge people £1 a time to match up all the photographs with a prize for the winner.

22. Matched Giving

Find out if your company has a matched-giving scheme. Many companies will match £1 for £1 (up to a set amount) for employees who take part in fundraising for charity.

23. Night at the Movies

Hold a movie party. Provide drinks and food and charge people a fee for watching the movie.

24. Night in for Charity

Stay in for an evening you'd normally go out and donate the money saved to the charity.

25. One Day's Silence

Works well for people who have lots of self-discipline!

26. Plant Sale

For you keen gardeners out there, why not grow some plants and sell them at work or to family and friends. People could also contribute cuttings and plants to sell.

27. Quiz night

Organise a quiz night in your local pub.

28. Quit it

Are you a smoker or have a bad habit to give up? Why not get your friends and family to sponsor you to quit it!

29. Raffle or Tombola

Hold a raffle at work or between your friends, and get prizes donated.

30. Recipe Book

Compile a recipe book to sell to friends and family.

31. Rollover Lottery Bonus Ball

Participants pay £1 each and select a number (1-49). If that number comes up as the Wednesday Bonus Ball, they receive a share of the profits e.g. if you sell all 49 numbers the winner receives £25 and the remaining £24 goes to the charity! This can be done each week or for as long as you wish.

32. Sale

Do you have books or CDs you no longer want? Why not hold a boot sale at home or at work and raise money. You could even bake some cakes and sell them too.

33. Safari Supper

Get friends involved in this fun idea – each course is prepared and eaten at a different residence. You can vary the number of hosts dependent on the number of diners you have and everyone can meet up for drinks at a final residence.

34. Sponsored Events

This could be anything: slimming, beard shaving, running, barn-dancing, line-dancing (with live music), food-eating (eggs, beans, spaghetti!).

35. Tournament

You could hold a Chess, Scrabble or Playstation tournament between friends. Ask them to pay a fee to enter with a prize for the winner.

36. Unwanted/un-used gifts

Sell them at a car boot sale, to friends or on ebay. Valet Service – Offer to valet your family or friends' cars in return for a donation.

37. Wine & Cheese Tasting Evening

Invite an 'expert' or local wine dealer to bring a few cases of wine and donate some of the proceeds to charity.

38. Xmas card donations

Donate money instead of sending Christmas cards.

39. Yogathon

Get your local gym instructors involved and spend a morning or afternoon in yoga positions.

40. Zombie party

Organise a Zombie party and charge people an entrance fee.

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