

# A-Z FUNDRAISING IDEAS



## A

### – Aerobic-a-thon

Break out the leotard and the Jane Fonda video. Get sponsored for every five minutes of aerobics you can manage.

### – Arm Wrestling

Charge your teammates – or the local football/soccer/any team – to arm wrestle one another (probably best tried at your local pub). You could even fashion a medal for the winner.

## B

### – Barbeque

Charge neighbours, friends, and family a small donation fee to attend your barbeque. If you get them all to bring a bottle or some nibbles, costs should be kept down.

### – Beard Shaving

Grab a few hairy fellas and shave them. Not just for fun – fundraise by getting people to sponsor them to go through with it. You can shave heads, beards, or backs... the possibilities are great.

## C

### – Coffee Morning

Bake some pastries, bring out the Nespresso, and they will come. Remember to charge them for the refreshments.

### – Concert

Get some talented friends to perform. Charge an admission fee and organize a collection during the matinee.

## D

### – Dance marathon

Get people to sponsor you for every five minutes of boogying you manage – or for every song you shimmy to.

### – Disco

Book a hall and ask a local DJ to donate his service for free. Throw in some drinks and nibbles, and you've got yourself a disco – well, once you invite some people and charge them to shake their stuff.

## E

### – Egg and Spoon Race

Think back to your school sport's days. All you need is some spoons, some eggs, some willing volunteers, and a bit of space in which to race. Charge participants to enter, with the winner of the race being awarded a small prize.

### – Errand Service

Time is a precious commodity that there just doesn't seem to be enough of. Run errands for others in exchange for a donation to your cause.

## F

### – Film show/premiere

There are two main ways to do this. Speak nicely to your local theatre manager and ask if you can rent out a screen – or even if they will donate one to your worthy cause. Charge your friends and family an admission to watch the newest blockbuster. Alternatively, stage a screening in your own home or backyard. Ask people to bring their own snacks and to give a small donation for the screening.

### – **Five-A-Side Football Tournament**

A great fundraiser as a match between friends or GO BIG: ask everyone to enter teams of colleagues to turn it into a tournament. Raise funds by charging a player fee.

## **G**

### – **Go-Karting**

Organize a group of friends to head to the local Go Kart track. Inform the staff of your fundraising efforts and hope that they waive the admission fee – best to go at off-peak times if you want to give this a try. Ask each person to pay a fee to enter a series of races. Award the winners a small prize each.

### – **Give up a vice**

Whether it be smoking, biting your toenails, or your daily chocolate bar – get sponsored to give it up for a set period – or ask people to sponsor you per day.

## **H**

### – **Head Shaving**

Less impressive if you already have a crew cut, but for those of you with long flowing locks, this could earn you loads of cash. Or if you aren't feeling brave, get sponsored to shave the head of a hairy (willing) teammate.

### – **Highland Games**

Tug of war in kilts, tossing the caber in kilts, and throwing the hammer... in kilts. Charge all entrants a fee and buy some small prizes to award to the winners.

## **I**

### – **International Evenings**

Host a dinner party inspired by your favourite holiday destination and theme your menu, dress code, and music for something different. Entry by donation.

### – **Ice-cream Eating**

Either get sponsored to make lifelong friends with Ben and Jerry, or buy huge tubs of ice cream and sell them by the scoop as cornets on a hot day.

## **J**

### – **Jazz Night**

A good fundraising idea if you're a jazz singer. Perhaps a better one if you're not. Raise money and have a giggle at the same time by belting out some classic jazz tunes like 'Summertime'. Pass around the donations bucket to your spellbound audience and watch the money roll in.

### – **Jigsaw Marathon**

Get some willing people around and ask them to donate a small amount to be part of the jigsaw marathon. Each person has a jigsaw and is timed to see how long it takes to complete. Once all are completed, the jigsaws are passed onto the next team and so this continues until all jigsaws have been completed. The winner could be awarded a small prize.

## **K**

### – **Karaoke competition/display**

Rent a karaoke machine and hold an event in your local pub, or have a bunch of friends over to your place. Sell tickets, or make it a competition and charge people to enter.

### – **Kite flying**

Hold a kite-flying day for kids. Charge for tickets, and provide refreshments (ice-creams or hot-dogs, depending on the season). If you're a creative type, run a kite-making workshop before the grand kite-flying session.

## **L**

### – **Lawn Mowing**

Get your lawnmower out and drop leaflets through doors, charging for your services. Make sure the leaflet explains what the money is for, and people will be more inclined to pay (and maybe even get involved with the event!).

### – **Luncheon**

Invite everyone in your office to a grand lunch (for a small fee, obviously). Make some delicious nibbles and enjoy!

## M

### – Murder Mystery Night

This could be great, especially if you're a member of an amateur dramatics group, or a drama group at school or college, who'll help you out. Entry by donation.

### – Mini-Olympics

Test those budding Olympians and hold a mini-Olympics. Get silly with office Olympics - fastest typist wins. Entry by donation.

## N

### – Nature Trails

Know a bit about the wildlife in your area? Charge people for guided nature walks.

### – Night In

Get your friends to donate the cost of a night in, and cook a nice meal for them rather than going out.

## O

### – Obstacle Course

Set up a hard-core obstacle course and charge people to race.

### – Office Collection Day

Stick a jar on your desk with notices telling people what you're raising money for, and remind your colleagues that it's for a good cause.

## P

### – Pancake day party

Everyone loves pancakes, right? Hold a pancake party for all your family and friends (charge them a fiver each). Serve unlimited pancakes and hold a pancake-tossing competition.

### – Penalty shoot-out competition

People pay to enter; you get your hands on a signed football or some sports goodies for the winner. Get a football team or sports shop to donate the prize.

## Q

### – Quizzes

Quizzes/trivia nights are very popular and hence a good way to make money. Pubs are the usual venue, but you could also hold one at a local college, at a day centre for older people, or in a town or village hall.

## R

### – Raffles

Get friends and local companies to donate prizes. Go for cool, unusual prizes like a day in a spa, a go-karting session, or a takeaway pizza.

### – Recycling

Do a massive appeal and get your friends, family, and neighbours to give you their empty cans and bottles. You could make a fair bit, and help the environment too.

## S

### – Stewardship

Save Your Loose Change: empty your pockets at the end of each day and start saving up all those coins. You'd be surprised how quickly it adds up to a sizable donation for your fundraising.

### – Scavenger Hunt

People pay to enter. They each receive a list of items they need to scavenge (a beer-mat, a yellow flower, etc). Give a prize to the person who brings all the items to you first.

## T

### – Theme days/evenings

There are loads of possibilities. Hold a '70s night and charge people to take part.

### – Twister-a-thon

Get sponsored to play an all-day game of Twister with your friends or coworkers. People will donate more if you're doing it in a public place – your embarrassment is always worth a few bucks!

## U

### – Unwanted Gift Sale

We all receive holiday gifts that don't quite hit the mark. Sell yours on Kijiji or Marketplace and donate your earnings!

## V

### – Video-a-thon

Rent a bunch of classic movies and play them back-to-back for 24 hours. Print schedules and hand them out to your friends and acquaintances, who'll hopefully turn up and pay to watch their favourites. Offer a discount for those who last the whole 24 hours. Don't skimp on the popcorn.

### – Vegetarian Evening

Cook all your favourite plant-based recipes and have people donate to come eat them. Don't just target veggies – meat-eaters will come too, out of interest. Entry by donation.

## W

### – Wine Tasting

Hold a wine tasting evening, invite friends, and ask for a donation to the cause.

### – Wax Off

How much would your friends be willing to pay to see you have a body part waxed to be hair-free? Challenge them to join you!

### – Workplace Matching

Payroll Giving is in place at a number of organizations; check with your HR department to see if your workplace offers this or charitable matching.

## X

### – X-Factor Competition

A singing competition if you want to go big, or if you fancy something smaller and more relaxed, a night in watching old X-Factor episodes with a sweepstake to raise money.

### – X-Box Tournament

Host a pay-to-play X-box tournament with some of your gaming buddies.

## Y

### – YOLO Challenge

You Only Live Once. What's on your bucket list? Inspire others and get sponsored to do something amazing.

### – Yoga Marathon

Get sponsored to do yoga for a day. You'll be so bendy by the end of it that you can charge people to watch you tie yourself in knots. Bonus.

## Z

### – Zumba-thon

If you're feeling energetic and want a physical challenge that lots of people can take part in, this is a great way to fundraise together. Donate the usual cost of a Zumba class! Get your local gym or sport centre involved.

### – Zodiac evening

Raise a small fortune. Throw a party, come dressed as your star sign. We predict this will be great fun!

**During these COVID-19 days, it's important to remember that any event you host should adhere to all public health orders and laws that apply in your area. If you're hosting an in-person event, consider implementing strategies to encourage behaviors that reduce the spread of COVID-19 among hosts and attendees. Virtual activities and gatherings are the lowest risk option.**