

Kidscan's A - Z of Fundraising



A few ideas to help you on your way but the list is by no means exhaustive!
Feel free to come up with your own ideas too, every penny helps!

A

Afternoon Tea

Host an Afternoon Tea Party at home or work or in a local venue and charge an entrance fee. Why not hold a raffle and a Best Cake competition on the day.

Arts and Crafts Sale

Get together with your friends and sell your arts and crafts at a local Craft Fair.

Auction/Auction of Promises

Ask family and friends to donate items for an auction or to donate their services for a day e.g. car washing, housework, ironing etc. Alternatively, ask local businesses to donate their services for a day to the highest bidder.

B

Bake sale

Fancy yourself as the next Mary Berry? Then organise a bake sale at work, home or school and showcase your talent whilst raising funds.

BBQ

Host a barbecue at home and ask guests to make a donation for their food.

Beard Shave

Be brave – shave your beard off and ask friends to sponsor you to do so.

Bingo

Put on a bingo night, charge people to take part and donate half the winnings.

C

Car Wash

Get together with some mates and organise a car wash. See if your local supermarket or retail park will give you some space or ask your neighbours or colleagues if they would like their car washed for a fee.

Coffee morning

Everyone loves a coffee morning. Hold one at home, work or school or in a local venue and charge for the coffee and cakes. Include a competition to boost funds e.g. guess the weight of the cake.

Collections

Carry out a bucket collection in your local town centre (please be aware that Local Authority permission is needed to do this – contact us for more info).

D

Dances

Organise a dance at a local venue – you could make it a themed event e.g. 60s or 70s dance and decorate accordingly. Include a raffle and some games of Stand-Up Bingo to raise even more funds.

Dinner Party

Show off your cooking skills to friends and invite them to dinner, charging them for a ticket to sample your culinary delights.

Dress Down Day

Ask your boss if you can hold a dress down day for all the staff at work and ask them to donate take part.

E

ebay

Sell your unwanted goods on ebay and donate the proceeds.

Easter Egg Hunt

Organise an Easter Egg hunt locally and maybe incorporate an Easter Bonnet competition too. Charge for entry and ask local businesses to donate the eggs.

F

Fancy Dress Party

Host a Fancy Dress party and charge for tickets, with a prize for the best costume. Supplement it with a raffle and games of Stand-Up bingo.

Family Fun Day

Hold a Family Fun Day at work or talk your local pub into hosting one in their beer garden. You could incorporate an It's a Knockout type competition or a mini Olympics. Ask local businesses if they want to take part or sponsor the event.

Five a side Tournament/Football match

Challenge your mates or colleagues to take part in a Five a Side tournament and charge an entry fee per team. Check to see if your local five a side park will donate the use of their premises for free.

G

Games Night

Organise a Games Night at home or at a local venue and include traditional games such as Dominoes, Monopoly, Cluedo and Trivial Pursuits. Charge entrants to take part.

Garden Party

Host a Garden Party, charging for entry, and serve traditional fare such as lemonade and cucumber sandwiches.

Girls Night In

Invite the girls round for a film and nibbles - pick your top five favourite films, let your guests vote on them and then put your feet up and enjoy watching the winner with a few drinks and nibbles. Take donations on the night.

Give It Up

Most of us have something we want to give up, either permanently or temporarily. It could be cigarettes, alcohol, crisps, chocolate or any number of other things. Why not give it a go and donate what you save to or ask your friends to sponsor you to do so.

H

Halloween Party

Host a horrible Halloween Party and charge for entry.

Head Shave

Brave enough to take on one of our most outrageous challenges? Then ask your friends and colleagues to sponsor you to have your head shaved or to bid to be the one who carries out the shaving. You'll also be raising awareness of cancer by doing this.

Hair braiding

Are you a wizz with beads and braids? Then charge your friends to have their hair braided and donate the money to Kidscan.

I

International Party

Host an International Party - encourage your friends to come along as a particular country, dressing up appropriately and bringing food from their chosen country. You could charge an entry fee and supplement it with a geographical quiz on the night.

It's A Knockout

Everyone loves It's a Knockout so why not arrange one in your local park? Get local businesses involved in sponsoring the event or donating prizes and charge for teams to take part.

J

Jewellery Sale

Ask your friends and family to donate any unwanted jewellery. Any valuable pieces could be sent to auction but costume jewellery could be re-boxed and sold at car boot or jumble sales.

Jumble Sale

What you might no longer want, others may be looking for. Jumble Sales are a great way to recycle and re-use goods and fundraise at the same time.

James Bond Night

Get together with a group of mates, choose your favourite James Bond film and sit back to watch the film whilst sipping your martinis. Prize for the best turned out James Bond. Take donations on the night or charge for entry.

K

Karaoke Night

Love it or loathe it, karaoke raises money! Charge per song or per entry and ask around to see if any one of your friends has a machine you can borrow. Alternatively, there are lots of free Karaoke apps out there.

Knitting

Show off your needle skills and sell your wares to friends and colleagues or through craft fairs and online sites.

L

Ladies Lunch

Gather your friends together and invite them for lunch in return for a donation. Alternatively, cook for your colleagues at work and ask them to donate.

Line Dancing

Hold a Line Dancing evening at a local venue and charge for entry.

M

Matched Giving

Don't forget to ask your employer if they will match any money you raise for charity – you'll be surprised how many will!

Music Event

Why not organise a music event and invite local bands and singers to take part, giving them the chance to showcase their talents and you the chance to raise money? Charge an entry fee for those wanting to come and listen and ask the bands to make a donation.

N

Nearly New Sale

Everyone loves a bargain. Why not invite a group of friends to hold a Nearly New Sale and donate all the proceeds to Kidscan.

New Year's Eve Party

There's no better time to raise funds, with everyone looking forward to the New Year and making New Year's resolutions.

Non-uniform Day

A great one to get school children involved – pay a pound and wear your own clothes for the day (please organise through school).

O

Office Fundraising Day

Fundraising in the office needn't take up too much time; maybe a dress down day, a guess the baby photo competition or a bake sale.

Open Garden

If you've got a beautiful garden then why not share it whilst raising funds for Kidscan? Advertise it locally and make a charge for people to come and view it. Supplement the funds by serving tea and coffee for a donation.

Olympic Sports Day

A great fundraiser for schools, youth groups and community groups to get involved with. Put on your own Sports Day and raise money through sponsorship or entry fees.

P

Pancake Race

Hold your own pancake race – get friends and family involved or go bigger and promote it throughout the local community.

PTA Coffee Morning

PTAs are great at raising money – if you're a member of one why not put on a coffee morning and cake sale in aid of Kidscan?

Pub Games Evening

A darts and pool night at your local, charging entrants to take part, is a great way raise money whilst having fun.

Q

Quiz Night

Host a Quiz Night in your local pub, village hall, sports centre or even in your garden. Teams pay to take part and Kidscan is the winner!

R

Race Night

A firm favourite - place a bet and split the winnings with us! Either provide your own video of a race meeting to bet on or contact a local company to do it for you.

Raffle

Always a winner! Ask friends and family to donate prizes but don't forget local businesses too. A great stand-alone fundraiser but also a great way to supplement income at other fundraising events.

Rounders Tournament

Organise a Rounders Tournament amongst your friends or get in touch with the local league to see if they can help you out. Charge per team entry.

S

Samba Night

Why not host a Samba evening with prizes for the best dancers. Talk to your local Samba club for help.

Slimathon

Ask your friends and colleagues to sponsor you to lose weight.

Sweepstake

Hold a sweepstake at work on a particular event e.g. Eurovision, World Cup, Wimbledon etc. Split the winnings between the winner and Kidscan.

Swimathon

If you don't fancy swimming the channel you could always do 100 lengths in your local baths and ask for sponsorship. Not quite as far but still worth it!

T

Talent Competition

Host your own version of “Britain’s Got Talent” and title it accordingly. Charge for audience entry or hold a collection at the event.

Tea Party

Everyone loves a tea party – put one on at home, work or school and raise funds for Kidscan.

Treasure Hunt

Organise a Treasure Hunt and challenge friends to find what you’ve hidden. Why not finish it off with a barbecue or party?

U

Unwanted Gifts

Ask friends and family to donate unwanted Christmas gifts, make up luxury hampers with what you receive and raffle them off to raise funds

Uniform Free Day

A great way for schools and shops to get involved and raise money – charge everyone a pound to come to school/work in their own clothes.

V

Valentine’s Day

Host a Valentine’s Day dance and charge for entry. Ask local businesses to donate raffle prizes for the event.

Vintage Day

Hold a vintage sale or organise a vintage clothes swap with friends, charging them to take part and supplementing the funds raised with a bake sale and raffle on the day.

W

Wine Tasting

Enjoy a great evening wine tasting with friends – they pay to come and you provide the wine and nibbles.

World Food Day

Why not host a World Meal – invite friends and family to adopt a county each and bring an item of food from that country. Then sell your food to each other with a prize for the food voted the tastiest.

X

Xmas Card Donation

Instead of sending Christmas cards why not make a donation to Kidscan – wish your friends a Merry Christmas verbally and donate what you would have spent on cards to charity.

Xbox/Playstation Tournament

Invite your friends round for an evening of gaming and charge them to take part in the fun!

Y

Yogathon

Only for those who know yoga! Why not put on a beginners class and share your knowledge with friends and family, charging them to attend.

Z

Zip wire

Take part in a Zip Wire and ask family and friends to sponsor you to do so.

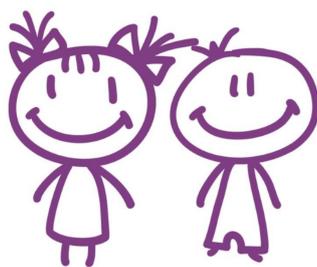
Zumba

If you're part of a Zumba class why not hold a sponsored Zumbathon and raise funds for Kidscan.

Whatever you do to raise funds for us will make a difference
and we are eternally grateful for all your efforts.

And remember, whatever you do,
fundraising starts with

FUN



Kidscan

Children's cancer research

www.kidscan.org.uk

Registered charity number 1094946