

Spring Fundraising Tips

Easter egg hunt – Children love searching gardens and houses for Easter Eggs. Why not arrange an event and charge a small entry fee. You could ask your friends and family to donate the chocolate eggs!

Cleaning – The arrival of spring and ‘spring cleaning’ may send your friends and family into a cleaning frenzy so why not offer to do it for them and charge a fee?

Auction of promises – Ask people to donate themselves, their skills or something they own and then ask event attendees to bid for each item.

Car boot sale – Once you’ve done all your friend’s spring cleaning and clear outs why not take their unwanted possessions, and yours too, to a car boot sale? Ask your friends, family and colleagues to donate sale items too!

Quiz night – Organise one in your local pub, in someone’s house or in a town hall and charge for entry.

Pamper party – Organise a girly night and treat each other to manicures and facials, ask for a donation or charge an entry fee.

Pancake day – Why not host a pancake party on Shrove Tuesday and invite lots of friends round? Make sure you ask for a donation for each pancake!

Summer Fundraising Tips

Car wash – Pick a sunny day and treat your neighbours to having their car washed. Explain that you are raising funds for charity and then get ready to put some serious sparkle in to those cars!

Family Sports Day – Get all your friends down for a family sports day and ask for donations on the day. You can run egg and spoon races, sack races, obstacle courses and lots of other fun things to ensure a fun day is had by all!

Sponsored Bike Ride – Contact your local council and see if you can enlist the help of your local cycling officer to arrange a sponsored bike ride. Or check out www.bikeweek.org.uk for some hints and tips about how you arrange your own ride.

Beach Party – Organise a themed party at a bar or sports clubhouse and again ask people for donations. Set up a raffle or a tombola to try and get those extra few pounds.

Treasure hunt – This is a great activity for children and families to join in. Give out cryptic clues and charge an entry fee to take part. Ask local businesses to donate some prizes for the winners too!

Face painting – In the summer there are always countless fetes and fairs. Ask the organisers if you can set up a face painting stand and charge a small fee per face!

Autumn Fundraising Tips

Supermarket bag packing – contact your local supermarket and let them know about the challenge you’re taking part in. Ask if you can bag pack in their store on a Saturday when customers can make a donation for you to help them pack up their weekly shop.

Football match collection – head to your local football stadium armed with pink buckets on match day and collect from all the football spectators heading to watch the match. That’s hundreds of potential donations! Don’t forget to get permission first!

Pyjama party – organise a night out with a difference. Dress up in your favourite pair of pyjamas, get together with your friends and head to the local pub with collecting tins in hand. You’ll raise a few eyebrows and get some fantastic attention and donations for your cause!

Make do and mend – in these thrifty times put some sewing skills to use and offer a mending service for all those items of clothes that people mean to mend but never get round to. Ask for a donation for your services.

Murder mystery party – a ‘who dunnit’ night of fun. Whether it was Colonel Mustard in the library or Miss Scarlett in the kitchen we are sure your friends would be delighted to make a donation for some live Cluedo action.

Winter Fundraising Tips

Knitting Pretty - Don’t let your friends and family get cold this winter: if you can knit, put your talents to work and knit scarves and woolly socks to sell.

Winter Feasting - It doesn’t take long to make a batch of mince pies or a plum pudding or two: sell them at work.

Crafty Christmas - Do you like arts and crafts? Making your own Christmas cards is a lot of fun and if you can sell them at your local school bazaar you could boost your fundraising target

New Year Celebrations - If you own a glamorous evening dress but have nowhere to wear it to, then why not host your own New Year’s ball?

Dinner Party - What can be better than having friends over for dinner? Why don’t you and a few friends or family take turns to host a dinner party all in one week?

Sell, sell, sell - If you have unwanted Christmas presents why not sell them on ebay and donate the money to your fundraising target?

Talent Competition - Hold a ‘Britain’s got Talent’ evening. Promote the event to your community, ask the local drama teacher and singing teacher to judge.

It’s all wrapped up – offer your services to friends and family – can you wrap their Christmas presents or deliver ‘by hand’ Christmas cards?

