

A – Z of Fundraising Ideas

You know you want to raise money for the NCC Benevolent Fund, but not sure where to start. This handy A – Z guide, is packed with ideas and inspiration to get your fundraising up and running!

A

Afternoon Tea – Why not host an afternoon tea? As a nation of tea drinkers (and cake eaters) this is sure to be a popular event.

Abseil – Whether from a building, structure or cliff, set the bar high with a charity abseil. This is one way to get noticed!

B

Bake Sale - Bake your way to fundraising success, whether at home, work or school, cake is a sure-fire way to raise essential funds. Do your research and find out if there are any special diets or favourite cakes, to maximise your fundraising.

BBQ – A BBQ is a great social event, so get out the burgers and create your event. Keep it simple and charge for burgers and bangers or go all out and create a party atmosphere with music and games and charge people to attend.

Bike Ride – create your own local event or individual challenge or join one of the many bike challenges, a great way to keep fit and fundraise. Don't fancy hitting the roads, take on an exercise bike challenge, could you cycle 200 miles in 4 weeks?

C

Car Boot Sale – One person's junk is another's treasure, so why not have a clear out and head to your nearest car boot sale. You will not only feel good about fundraising, but your home will be tidier too.

Coffee Morning – Cake, coffee and a good natter, what's not to love? So, pop in the traybakes, put the kettle on and get your friends round. Why not partner up with a friend and share the load.

D

Dinner Party – Hosting a dinner party can be really simple, ask you guest to donate the cost of a meal out and treat them to some home cooked delights. Why not pick a theme, such as puddings only, or your favourite country or film?

Dances / Discos- While this may sound complicated, all you need is music and space, from the local village hall to a garden party, combine with a special event such as an anniversary or birthday and your guests can donate instead of buying gifts.

E

Eighties Evening – From legwarmers to flashdance, holding an eighties party is sure to be fun. If you don't fancy a party, why not host an eighties film night?

Eating Competition – On your own or as a competition, who can eat the most, dry crackers or marshmallows? Why not take a look and see if there are any world records that could be broken and create an event in your workplace, school or community to see if you have the next new world record holder?

F

Fancy Dress Day – A fun event all year round, and simple to set up. Just choose your theme, let people know and ask for a donation to take part. Or, if you are the boss, why not ask people to vote on what you wear for the day?

G

Give Something Up – We all have a habit that we could give up, so why not raise some money at the same time. If your habit is costly, you could donate the money that you have saved or ask people to sponsor you. You can give anything up, chocolate, alcohol, smoking or meat.

Garage Sale – You can sell anything at a garage sale, from second-hand goods to homemade produce and arts and crafts. Get friends and family involved to donate items, make sure you publicise your event, social media can be good for this.

Girls Night In - Get the girls together and host a night in, anything from a movie night to cocktails and canapes, just ask your guests to donate the amount that they would normally spend on a night out.

H

Hiking – Test your endurance with a demanding trek, through some of the UK's (or the worlds) most amazing places. There are a number of organised challenges to choose from <https://www.charitychallenge.com/choose-your-challenge>

I

International Day / Evening - **Ideal** for an office fundraiser, pick a country or a round the world theme, think about food you could sell and maybe a quiz to raise extra funds.

J

Jumble Sale – Hire a hall, get some friends together and set up a table top sale, have a clear out and raise some cash. Why not combine with a coffee morning or cake sale, for a lovely community event?

K

Knitting – Why not use your needle skills to raise some money? You will need to decide how you would like to sell your items, this could be through an online auction site, or social media page or even at a local arts and crafts fair.

L

Lunch – Host a lunch in the office or at home, you can do it all yourself or ask people to donate a dish. You can then simply ask people to donate the amount that they would spend on lunch or sell your goodies per piece.

Loose Change Collection - Ask people to donate their loose change. Have a reception desk? Why not set up a collection box. Every penny helps.

M

Marathon Events – Marathons don't just mean running! Why not look for a walking marathon or create a swimming team to complete the 26 miles. You could even do an activity in 26.2 hours rather than miles and create a marathon event such as dancing or knitting.

Matched Giving – Ask your company or a local organisation to match your fundraising amount, this can double your amount raised. Simple!

N

Non-Uniform Day – if you usually wear a uniform, pay a pound to ditch the uniform and wear your own clothes.

O

Office Party / charity day – A really easy way to make a difference, choose a day and dedicate it to raising funds for the NCC Benevolent Fund. You could also include any of the activities in this list such as bake sales, office games or dress down / up to increase fundraising potential.

Olympic Sports Day – A great event to hold in a local park but a garden or even the office are good locations to hold this team event. With activities such as bean bag throwing and relay races there is sure to be a competitive element to this event. Just make sure you have medals for the winning team!

P

Pyjamas at Work Day – You don't even have to get dressed for this one! Whether people sponsor you to come to work in your PJ's or you get everyone involved, there has never been a better excuse to be cosy at work.

Q

Quiz Night – You can host a quiz anywhere, you just need a bit of space and some tables and chairs, the local pub, village halls and even your garden all make good venues. Decide how you want to run your quiz, is it going to be a specific theme or general knowledge.

R

Raffle – If you can get some donated prizes a raffle is a great way to raise funds. You will need tickets to sell and a time and place to announce the winners, a good activity to combine with other events such as an office charity day.

Running – Join a team or run on your own, from marathons to colour runs, there is something to suit everybody.

S

Skydiving – looking for something adventurous? If you are feeling brave take part in an organised skydive.

T

Tuck Shop – buy, bake or make goodies to sell, everyone likes a treat occasionally and most offices could benefit from tuck shop. Leave the goodies in a central location (the tea room works for us) and use an honesty system for payment.

U

Unwanted Gift Sale - A good event to hold after Christmas, ask people to donate any unwanted gifts and hold a table top sale or auction.

V

Vote – Why not get people to vote on your challenge or a challenge for your boss, from gunge tanks to a day on the shop floor, everyone pays to vote.

W

Walk- Do it in a day, a week or a month, how far can you walk?

Wear it – A colour, an item of clothing, spend the day in something wacky and ask people to sponsor you or why not get the whole team to wear it with you.

X

X-Factor Competition – Hold your own talent show, this is a great one to get the kids involved. Charge for entry and don't forget to put a judging panel together.

Y

Year to remember - Why not do something for a whole year, this takes dedication and is sure to get people sponsoring you. You could do something to raise extra cash such as babysitting or give up something, whatever you do, be sure to share you progress with those supporting you.

Z

Zip Wire – Another activity for the more adventurous, there are numerous zip wires up and down the country, so take a look and find the right challenge for you.