



## A-Z fundraising ideas

If you want to help fundraise for us but are stuck on what to do, we have plenty of ideas to inspire you.

Whether you are looking for a sporty challenge, wanting to put your skills to good use, or just bring everyone together for a bit of fun, you'll have a great time fundraising and helping the George Eliot Hospital Charity to support our patients, their families and staff wellbeing initiatives.

### A

- **abseil:** reach new heights with an abseiling challenge.
- **afternoon tea:** hold an elegant afternoon tea with friends or family.
- **arm wrestling contest:** see who is crowned the arm-wrestling champion.
- **art exhibition:** showcase local artists and raise money through an entry fee.
- **auction:** encourage local businesses to donate items for a raffled, tombola or auction.

### B

- **bake sale:** get your local community baking to sell some delicious treats.
- **bbq:** fire up the grill for a charity BBQ Day with friends or neighbours
- **bingo:** who will be the first to check off all their numbers at a bingo night?
- **birthday giving:** ask your loved ones to donate instead of buying you gifts.
- **book sale:** raise money through your community selling unwanted books.

## C

- **car wash:** help shine up local cars in a community car wash event.
- **cocktail night:** mix up your favourite drinks in a charity cocktail evening.
- **coffee morning:** get together and enjoy a cuppa while raising money.
- **crafts:** turn your hobbies into a fundraising activity and get crafting.
- **crafts:** get sponsored to hop on your bike for a charity cycle.

## D

- **dance-a-thon:** see who can last the longest on the dancefloor.
- **darts contest:** take aim to see who lands the bullseye in a round of darts.
- **dinner party:** pick a theme and host your own charity dinner party.
- **dog show:** let those pups strut their stuff to see who is voted the winner.
- **drawing contest:** challenge people to show off their drawing skills

## E

- **eBay:** sell any unwanted items you have lying around on eBay.
- **egg painting contest:** get creative to see who can paint the best egg.
- **Etsy:** use your crafting skills to sell your awesome creations on Etsy.
- **exercise marathon:** hold a daylong event to see who can go the distance.
- **Eurovision party:** everyone can represent a different country at this party.

## F

- **Facebook fundraising:** use Facebook fundraising tools on your social media posts
- **fancy dress day:** hold a fancy-dress day at school or work for a donation.
- **fashion show:** rock your best outfits in a local charity fashion show
- **film night:** host your own film night, you can even get creative with themes.
- **football match:** see who will score the winning goals in a charity game.

## G

- **games night:** get competitive in a board games or video games night.
- **give something up:** get sponsored giving up something you love.
- **golf day:** get outside and take to the green in a charity golf day event.
- **grow a beard/shave your beard:** let it all grow out while raising money for charity.
- **guess how many:** challenge people to guess how many items are in a jar.

## H

- **Harry Potter party:** discover Hogwarts with your own Harry Potter party.
- **head shave:** shave all your hair off for some sponsorship money.
- **hiking:** take a sponsored hike and see how long you can trek for
- **hour of earnings:** challenge your colleagues to donate an hour of their pay.

## I

- **ice cream tasting:** discover all the different flavours in a tasting event.
- **international food party:** ask everyone to bring a dish from a specific cuisine.
- **iron man challenge:** hold an iron man event and see who can tough it out.

## J

- **jam making:** try your hand at making some jam at home to sell.
- **jazz night:** take in some smooth tunes at your own jazz night event.
- **jigsaw puzzle marathon:** see who can complete the most puzzles fastest.
- **joke-a-thon:** crack out your best jokes to exchange laughs for donations.
- **jumble sale:** see what old or unwanted items you have lying around to sell.

## K

- **karaoke:** find out who has the chops to be the best at karaoke.
- **kayaking:** take to the water to see who wins a charity kayak race.
- **keepy uppy contest:** who will keep the ball up in the air the longest?
- **kick a habit:** challenge yourself to break a bad habit while raising money.
- **knitting:** use your knitting skills to create some items to sell.

## L

- **Las Vegas night:** enjoy a glitzy Vegas casino themed evening.
- **learn a new skill:** get sponsored to learn a useful new skill.
- **lego contest:** see who can build the most impressive lego creation.
- **livestream:** host an online gaming, cooking, fitness, or crafting livestream.
- **loose change collection:** ask people to donate any loose change they have.

## M

- **makeover:** ask people to donate skills for hairdressing, manicures, etc.
- **mobile free day:** challenge everyone to go without phones for a full day.
- **mountain climb:** rise to the top with a mountain climb challenge.
- **murder mystery party:** find out who done it at a murder mystery night.
- **music concert:** hold your own local music event or battle of the bands.

## N

- **nail art:** raise money through creating beautiful nail art on people.
- **name the [blank] contest:** challenge people to name the song or movie.
- **needlework sale:** create some impressive needlework you can sell.
- **netball tournament:** take to the court for charity netball matches.
- **nighttime walk:** get sponsored to walk alone or with friends all night long.

## O

- **obstacle course:** see who can complete the obstacle course fastest.
- **onion chopping challenge:** who can go the longest without shedding tears?
- **open mic night:** let anyone take to the stage in an open mic event.
- **original recipe contest:** bring out your best recipes to be crowned winner.
- **outdoor theatre:** hold an outdoor theatre show with entry fee.

## P

- **penalty shootout:** step up to the line for a penalty shootout tournament.
- **plank / press up challenge:** see who has the strength to hold out the longest.
- **poetry day:** get lyrical and share your poems in front of an audience.
- **poker night:** all money won in the game gets donated to charity.
- **pot luck event:** everyone brings a dish to contribute to the potluck.

## Q

- **quad bike racing:** get the adrenaline pumping in a quad bike race.
- **quickest time contests:** see who can complete a task the fastest.
- **quiet hour:** challenge people to stay quiet for an hour, donate for every noise.
- **quiz night:** test everyone's knowledge with a quiz night to raise money for charity.

## R

- **read-a-thon:** challenge people to get reading for charity.
- **roaring twenties party:** host a decadent theme party for your friends.
- **rock climbing:** see who can reach the top in a rock-climbing challenge.
- **run:** test out your endurance by challenging yourself to do a sponsored charity run.

## S

- **sky dive:** take to the skies and get sponsored for a charity sky dive.
- **sports day:** get nostalgic with a school sports day themed event.
- **street party:** all your neighbours can get involved with a local street party.
- **superhero party:** dress up as the person you consider your superhero.
- **short story contest:** hold a contest to find the best short stories.

## T

- **table tennis tournament:** see who edges out the competition at table tennis.
- **talent contest:** give everyone the chance to show off their best talents.
- **teddy bear picnic:** host a teddy bear picnic for families to enjoy.
- **tombola:** run a local tombola with fun prizes to help raise money for charity.
- **treasure hunt:** put together a treasure hunt around your town.

## U

- **ultimate frisbee:** take to your local park for an ultimate frisbee competition.
- **uniform free day:** skip the uniform for a day in return for a small donation.
- **University Challenge:** host your own University Challenge style event.
- **unplug from tech:** get sponsored to completely switch off from tech for a day.
- **upcycling:** transform old items into something new that you can then sell.

## V

- **variety show:** hold a local variety show and enjoy an evening of entertainment.
- **vegetable growing:** see what vegetables you can grow and sell.
- **video game competition:** discover who is the best when it comes to gaming.
- **village fete:** organise a village fete to help raise money.
- **vintage sale:** rummage through your closets to find vintage looks to sell.

## W

- **wedding gifts:** instead of gifts, you can ask for donations to charity.
- **window cleaning:** offer to clean neighbourhood windows for a donation.
- **wine tasting:** enjoy some delicious drinks at your own wine tasting event.
- **world record attempt:** challenge people to try and break a world record.

## X, Y, Z

- **X Factor competition:** host your own X Factor style singing contest
- **yoga marathon:** release the tension and stretch out your body for longer.
- **yo-yo contest:** crack out your best yo-yo skills in a competition.
- **zero waste day:** challenge yourself to go fully zero waste for a week.
- **zip wire:** soar through the sky as you take on a zip wire challenge.



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