

## A

### - **Aerobic-a-thon**

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

### - **Auction of Promises**

Visit local businesses and ask them to donate their services for you to auction off. Or rope in your friends, who could promise to wash cars, mow lawns or do housework for the highest bidder.

### - **Arm Wrestling**

Charge your friends or the local rugby/footie/any testosterone driven teams to arm wrestle one another. Probably best tried at your local pub. You could even present a medal for the winner.

### - **Abseil**

Get a group of people to abseil down a local building in aid of your cause. You are likely to get press coverage for this type of fundraising event too.

### - **Arts or crafts stall**

Let your imagination go wild and reap the rewards. Try fundraising by making greetings cards, pot pourri or jewelry to sell.

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## B

### - **Barbeque**

Charge neighbours, friends and family a small 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 marys and shave them. Not just for fun - fundraise by getting people to sponsor them to go through with it. You can shave heads, beards, backs or legs... the possibilities are great.

### - **Bingo**

Make your own bingo cards and invite your mates around for a few games. Charge them a pound a ticket. Prizes should be something small like sweets or promises of eternal friendship.

### - **Blind Date Evening**

Get some single folks in the same room and charge an audience to watch you give Cilla a run for her money.

### - **Bring and Buy Sale**

We bet you've got loads of junk in your attics and under your bed. Why not raise some money (and keep your mum happy) by organising a Bring and Buy sale. You could even charge other people to set up their own stalls.

### - **Beer race**

Head to your local supermarket, load up on cheap booze and charge people to drink it. Quickly.

### - **Back to Front Day**

Get sponsored to wear your clothes the wrong way round for a whole day.

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## C

### - **Cake Sale**

Let that hidden chef in you loose. Get baking and sell your cakes on to your friends, work colleagues or random strangers.

### - **Car Boot Sale**

All you need is a car, some junk and some people to buy it from you.

### - **Coffee Morning**

Bake some cakes, bring out the Nescafe and they will come. Remember to charge them for the privilege.

### - **Concert**

Get some talented friends to perform in front of those less talented. Or, vice versa for a laugh. Charge an admission fee and organise a collection during the matinee.

### - **Cricket Match**

Organise enough people to make up two teams and get them to pay a small amount to take part. Organise a collection for the spectators.

### - **Cycle-a-thon**

Get sponsored for every mile you cycle.

### - **Car Washing**

Grab some willing friends and get knocking on your neighbour's doors. Tell them why you are offering to wash their car and chances are, they'll gladly stump up a bit of cash.

## - **Chocolate Ban**

Get sponsored for every three days you can go without chocolate - or for every day without, if you're a serious chocoholic!

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## **D**

### - **Dance marathon**

Get people to sponsor you for every five minutes of dancing you manage - or for every song you shimmy to.

### - **Dry Cornflakes/Cream Cracker eating contest**

Charge a small fee to enter and move back to avoid the spraying of crumbs.

### - **Disco**

Book a hall one and ask a local DJ to donate his service for free. Throw in some booze and nibbles and hey presto! You've got yourself a disco - well, once you invite some people and charge them to shake their stuff.

### - **Dog walk**

Get some exercise and raise money at the same time. Offer your services as the neighbour dog walker and charge per dog per walk.

### - **Dinner dance**

This one will take some organising, but could make you a packet. Charge for tickets, and make more money by running a bar.

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## **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 it a bit of space in which to race. Charge participants to enter, with the winner of the race being awarded a small prize.

### - **Egg Painting**

Something to have at your craft fair or fete. Set up an egg painting stool, provide the eggs and the paint and charge people to get creative.

## - **Easter Egg Hunt**

Charge parents to take their kids off their hands for an afternoon - plan an Easter egg/ sweet hunt in the garden to keep them amused.

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# F

## - **Fairs, fetes, bazaars, etc**

Get yourself a big space (a hall, a field or even a car park) and let your imagination go crazy. Set up a coconut shy, apple bobbing stand, races and white elephant stalls.

## - **Film show/premiere**

Stage a screening in your own home - maybe you could theme the type of films you show Ask people to bring their own snacks and to pay a small amount for the screening.

## - **Fashion Shows make for Fashionable Fundraising**

Depending on how ambitious you are, this could raise a significant amount of funding. You could use a few friends and stage a show in your house. They could model clothes that you no longer want or need, which could then be auctioned off at the end of the day. Alternatively, Hire a hall and advertise the event well in advance - give out flyers in your town centre and post them through letter boxes. Let local clothes shops know about your fundraiser and ask them to donate clothes for the show. This is also great publicity for them.

## - **Football Match**

Ask your local team to play a match in aid of your chosen charity. Organise a raffle at half time and get prizes donated by local businesses. Alternatively, organise a match pitting your friends against their dads and older relatives. Ask each player to pay a fee to play and buy a small cup for the winning team.

## - **Fun Run**

Get sponsored to take part in an organised race - or organise your own where you live.

## - **Fill Smartie tubes with coins**

Pass smartie tubes out to your friends and family and ask them to fill them with spare change - preferably £1 coins! Then collect them back in - you'll be amazed at how much you will raise this way and there is very little effort involved. Also, you could empty the smarties from their tubes into a jar and run a 'Guess the number' contest.

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# G

## - **Garden party**

Whip up some cucumber sandwiches, dust off the picnic tables and crack open some Pimms. Charge a small entrance fee and organise a collection during the fundraising event.

### - **Guess the Weight...**

Find something suitably heavy - anything from a jar full of sweets to your Grandma - and ask friends and family to guess its weight. Charge folk 50p to enter and buy a small prize for the winner.

### - **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.

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## H

### - **Hair beading/plaiting**

An idea for a stall at a fete. Charge people a small fee to make them look like Floella Benjamin.

### - **Halloween party**

Probably best organised around the 31st October (*though an out of season "Fundraising Halloween" might also be fun*). Encourage your friends to dress the part and run a fancy dress competition with a small prize for the winner. All guests should pay a small entrance fee to attend.

### - **Head Shaving**

If you are feeling brave enough have your head shaved or if you aren't feeling brave, get sponsored to shave the head of a hairy (willing) friend.

### - **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.

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## I

### - **It's a Knockout competition**

Get some teams together and arrange assault courses, games and quizzes galore. Each team member pays a few pounds to take part - with the winning team being awarded a prize donated by a local company (or pub!).

### - **International Evenings**

Hold themed evening events. Cook themed meals, have themed table decorations and wear appropriate clothing. Once everyone is enjoying your delicious food, take the opportunity to get the donations bucket out. To cover costs, it's probably best to charge a small entrance fee.

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## J

### - **Jumble sale**

Dig around under the bed and at the back of wardrobes for anything you can sell and organise a jumble sale. Get your friends to get in on the act selling their own unwanted items - perhaps they could donate a percentage of their profits to your gap year cause.

### - **Jog-athon**

Get sponsored to every mile you complete. If it's raining outside - and you're a bit of a wimp - you could even do it on a treadmill. Might be something to get sponsored for at your local gym.

### - **Joke-a-thon**

Go up to people on the street and asking them to pay you fifty pence if you can make them laugh. Best to be armed with a ready supply to hilarious jokes for this one.

### - **Jewellery Making/Selling**

Buy beads and wire in bulk and get creative.

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## K

### - **Karaoke competition/display**

Rent a karaoke machine and hold an event in your local pub, college bar, or bedroom. Sell tickets, or make it a competition and charge people to enter. Get a local company to donate a prize.

### - **Kiss-a-thon**

Sponsored kissing? Sounds like fun. Whether you go for quantity or duration is up to you...

### - **Knobbly knee contest**

Works especially well in summer. Charge a quid for people to enter the competition, and get a local company to donate a 'quality' prize. You get the fun of being the judge.

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## L

### - **Longest chain of paper clips, line of coins, etc**

Get sponsored per metre - you could even get a bunch of friends together and try to break the record. Alternatively, start a line of coins in your local park or college grounds. Publicise what you're raising money for and get passers-by to add their loose change to the line. Try to make it reach from one side of the park to the other.

### - **Lawn Mowing**

Borrow a lawn-mower and drop leaflets through doors, charging a couple of pounds for your services. Make sure the leaflet explains what the money is for, and people will be more inclined to pay.

### - **Luncheon**

Invite everyone in your workplace, school or street to a grand lunch (for a small fee, obviously). Make posh sandwiches and nibbles. This could work especially well in an office, where people will appreciate an unusual break in the middle of the day.

### - **Lilo Races**

In the local swimming pool, lake, pond or river. Charge teams for entry and give a prize to the winner. Be aware of safety and insurance issues.

### - **Leap Frog**

Get sponsored per leap, or per quarter-hour. More fun if you're leaping over strangers, in the local park or on the beach. Tell them what you're doing; they'll either laugh and agree or walk very quickly in the opposite direction. Take photos to prove you did it!

### - **Limbo Competition**

This could work well down the pub. Charge a quid for entry to the competition, and get the bar to donate a few free drinks for the winner.

### - **Litter Picking**

People will be very willing to pay you if you're cleaning up a local park, beach or kids' playground. This is a way to help your local community while raising money for charity, so everyone's a winner.

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## M

### - **Marathon events**

A fundraising classic! Hire a local hall, or see if you can get one free for a good cause. Hold a marathon table tennis, aerobics, line dancing or badminton session (in shift teams). Get relevant companies to sponsor you in exchange for publicity in the hall (local gyms, sports shops etc). Get sponsorship from friends and family too.

### - **Midsummer masked ball**

This will take a lot of organisation, but could be a very special - and lucrative - event. Go all-out to make it as posh as possible, and charge ten to 20 pound for tickets.

### - **Mini Marathon**

Get sponsored to run five or ten miles around your town or the equivalent around your garden. The smaller the garden the better - just make sure you change direction occasionally to reduce dizziness!

### - **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.

### - **Musical Evening**

Get some talented friends together and hold a concert. If you do this in a pub or bar, it will be more low-key than in a hall or theatre, and there will be things for the audience to do during gaps between performances (i.e. drinking and mingling).

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## N

### - **New Year's Eve dance/party**

This could be as big or as small as you like - in your front room, upstairs in a pub, or in a mammoth marquee...

### - **Nearly New Sale**

This is a posher version of a jumble sale. Be selective - only sell nice stuff that's in good condition - and you can charge a few pounds for items that would cost 50p in a jumble sale.

### - **Netball Tournament**

Get local and school teams to pay to enter; get a sports shop to donate cool prizes for the winning team.

### - **Non-Uniform Day**

People pay a couple of quid for the privilege of coming to school or work in their civvies.

### - **Name the Baby/Teddy**

Any baby photo will do. Make a list of 100 names, charge people a pound to choose a name, make a hundred pound and give £25 for the correct guess. Ask if you can put the photo up in your local shop, with a moneybox and list of names.

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## O

### - **Obstacle Course**

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

### - **Office Collection Day**

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

### - **Odd Job Days**

Lawn-mowing, DIY, carrying shopping, walking dogs... offer your services in the neighbourhood - no job too small. Dress in a superhero costume to get noticed.

### - **Outgrown Clothes Sale**

This is good if you know lots of families with kids. They bring clothes that their sprogs have grown out of, and buy clothes that others have brought.

### - **Origami**

If you're good at this Japanese art-form, hold a fundraising origami workshop for kids.

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## P

### - **Pancake day party**

Everyone loves pancakes, right? Hold a Shrove Tuesday party for all your family and friends. 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.

### - **Pet show**

Get a pet shop to donate prizes. Why not make it an alternative pet-show, with prizes for the waggiest dog, pet lookalikes etc?

### - **Pram push**

Dress up, push your mate in a pram through the streets of your town, shake a bucket and be prepared to tell a lot of curious bystanders why they should give you money for your fundraising shenanigans.

### - **Parachute Jump**

Raise sponsorship - you'll need enough to pay for your parachute-jump; the rest can go to your chosen charity. Contact friends, family, colleagues, your parents' colleagues, and local companies.

### - **Photo Competition**

Charge people to enter. Get a camera-shop to donate a prize and judge the comp - good publicity for them.

### - **Pub Games**

Skittles, darts, pool, cards... Charge people to enter; the landlord/lady will appreciate the custom, and might agree to donate free drinks for the winner. You could even make it a weekly league.

### - **Pantomime**

Put on a fun panto and charge for tickets. Serve mulled wine and mince pies for extra money.

### - **Pool Competition**

Charge to enter and have a trophy for the winner. Alternatively people put money in a pot to enter; the winner takes half of what's in the pot, you take the other half

### - **Picnics**

Sell tickets in advance; with a little imagination you can make great, fun picnic food from cheap ingredients.

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## Q

### - **Quizzes**

Quizzes 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.

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## R

### - **Races**

Be imaginative - think sack-races, baby races, electric wheelchair races, stiletto races... charge people for entry and get a local company to donate a prize.

### - **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.

### - **Rapping contest, show or sponsored event**

You could organise this at a youth club or skate park, and get your younger siblings and their mates involved.

### - **Read-a-thon**

Get sponsored to read books - this works best if you're someone who never normally reads.

### - **Rugby Match**

Charge spectators for tickets. For extra crowd-pulling power, play in drag...

### - **Rounders Tournaments**

Charge teams to enter, and award a sport-related prize - - to the winning team.

### - **Rowing**

Get sponsored to row on a rowing machine; aim to row the equivalent of crossing the channel.

### - **Recycling**

Recycle cans for money! Some places will give you up to a penny a can. Do a massive Blue-Peter-style appeal and get your friends, family and neighbours to give you their empty cans. Over a year, you could make a fair bit, and help the environment too.

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## S

### - **Scoff-a-hotdog competition**

Who can eat two in the shortest time? Who can eat the most in two minutes? Charge people to enter, with a free meal (donated by a fast-food joint?) for the winner. You'll be surprised how many people enter a comp like this just for the 'glory'.

### - **Shakespeare marathon**

Get sponsored to over-act your way through the complete works... in a public place. Tights obligatory.

### - **Silly games afternoon**

Egg and spoon, silly races, wet sponge throwing... use your imagination.

### - **Strawberry and cream tea party**

Pick-your-own works out cheapest. Hold the party in your garden on a sunny day and charge for tickets.

### - **Sponsored Silence**

Could you talk for England? Reckon your family and friends would pay good money to shut you up for a day? A sponsored silence is a really easy fundraising activity to organise.

### - **Sports Day**

Organise a sports day at your workplace, local pub, uni or college. You'll be surprised how many grown-ups jump at the chance to don a PE kit and go back to their youth.

### - **Swear Box**

Get your mates or colleagues to put 50p in the box if they swear.

### - **Swim-a-thon**

Get sponsored per length. If you're a fit swimmer, try to swim the equivalent of crossing the Channel (or half-way across).

### - **Scavenger Hunt**

People pay to enter. They each receive a list of items they need to scavenge (a beer-mat, a yellow flower, an item of underwear that's not their own...) Give a prize to the person who brings all the items to you first.

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## **T**

### - **Tea party**

Tea is the new fashionable drink of choice, or so they say. Charge your friends to attend, and go all-out with the fairy-cakes and cucumber sandwiches.

### - **Teddy bears' picnic**

Charge families for tickets, and publicise it through playgroups and primary schools. Don't forget to bring your own teddy!

### - **Theme days/evenings**

There are loads of possibilities. Why not have an Indian night (curry, Bollywood movies...). Or you could hold a '70s night or a Sex and the City evening. Charge people to take part.

### - **Top of the Pops show**

Put on a fake TOTP, with talented types impersonating their favourite band or artist. Works best at a school or college.

### - **Treasure hunt**

People pay you for the first clue. You lay a trail of clues, with a top prize at the end.

### - **Tuck shop**

Buy cheap multi-packs of chocolate bars and crisps and sell them at inflated prices. This works well at offices and factories, as well as schools and youth clubs. Sell home-made cakes and cookies too if you've got time to bake them.

### - **Tug-of-War**

Teams pay to enter, with the hope of winning prizes. Teachers' vs students, boys' vs girls, or one town or village vs another could be fun.

### - **Twister-a-thon**

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

### - **Tombola**

This would work best at a fete or special event, just put the tickets in a box and shake well. Get local businesses and family friends to donate prizes.

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## U

### - **University Challenge**

Pit your uni, school or college against another one.

### - **Unwanted Gift Sale**

Get your friends and family to donate their unwanted Christmas gifts in early January.

### - **Used Stamps**

Get your family, friends and neighbours to donate their used stamps, and sell them to collectors.

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## V

### - **Variety show**

Can your dog dance the tango? Put on a variety show with a difference!

### - **Vegetable eating**

Does your family despair of your unbalanced diet? Get them to sponsor you to eat your greens.

### - **Valentines Day Event**

Romantic music, largely heart-based decor.... Sell tickets to the love-sick. Alternatively, fundraising can also be achieved with an anti-Valentine party.

### - **Vegetarian Evening**

Cook all your favourite veggie recipes and pay people to come eat them. Don't just target veggies - meat-eaters will come too, out of interest.

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## W

### - **White Elephant stall**

Sell anything and everything you can get your hands on at a fete, jumble sale or car boot sale. You'll be amazed at what people will buy...

### - **Who's that baby**

Get old baby-photos of your mates or - much better - your bosses or teachers. Stick them up around your school or office and get people to pay to guess who they are. Give a small prize to the winner

### - **Window Cleaning**

Spend a weekend cleaning windows for your neighbours or local shops. Fundraising Tip: Ask for donations rather than charging a set fee and you may get more money.

### - **Wine Tasting**

Hold a wine-tasting evening. Get a supermarket or off-license to donate a few bottles for the tasting, and sell bottles for them at the end (for a small profit).

### - **Welly Throwing**

See how far you can throw a welly.

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## X

### - **Xmas fair/panto/party**

Get out the mistletoe for a big Christmas party, or sell home-made gifts at a Christmas fair.

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# Y

## - **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.

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# Z

## - **Zany Dress Day**

People at your office or school pay for the chance to come dressed as celebs, as animals, in their team's strip, or all in orange....