



A – Z of Fundraising Ideas

A

Abseil – descend the dizzy heights of a local building or cliff-side and get people to sponsor you

Afternoon tea – hold a tea party and serve sandwiches, scones and cakes to guests in the office or at home and charge a fee

Art sale or exhibition – get creative and sell your arts and crafts at a local craft fayre or if you know any photographers or artists ask them to donate their work

Auction of promises – ask people/local businesses to donate gifts or services, choose someone to act as auctioneer and then hold your auction to raise funds

B

Bingo – organise your own bingo evening and charge per game

Bungee Jump – take the plunge and get people to sponsor you

Bake off – have a competition to see who can bake the best cakes and biscuits and then sell them off. Have a prize for the winner.

Barbecue – have a charity barbecue and charge people to attend

Bike rides – sign up to an organised bike ride or choose your own distance and destination. Ask people to sponsor you.

Bad tie day – get your colleagues to wear loud or outdated ties for a fee

Book sale – get people you know to donate their old books and then hold a sale

Beat the Goalie – challenge people to compete against your chosen goalkeeper and charge an entry fee

C

Caption competition – choose a photo and ask people to come up with the funniest caption with a charge to enter

Car wash – offer to wash cars for a fee in the office car park or your local neighbourhood

Car boot sale – gather all your unwanted belongings and ask friends to donate theirs too and hold a sale

D

Disco – get your groove on and plan a disco or 70's night with fancy dress and charge an entry fee



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Dance-athon – dance all day and get people to sponsor you

Dress down day – ask colleagues to pay a fee to wear casual clothes at work for the day

Darts competition – people can either play as individuals or choose team names and play as a group. Charge an entry fee.

E

Egg and spoon race – a fun classic where you can involve the kids. Charge an entry fee.

Easter egg hunt – hide the eggs and provide clues to where they might be and charge a fee to enter.

Expedition – sign up to an organised trek or choose your own destination and distance and then get people to sponsor you.

Expert talks – ask an expert or well-known figure to donate their time to host an event and charge for admission.

F

Fancy dress competition – get people to wear fancy dress for a fee at work or at school and have a prize for the winner. Ask the people who don't dress-up to pay an extra fee.

Film night – choose a classic film and host an evening for family and friends with popcorn and drinks. Charge a fee to attend.

Football match – hold your own charity match and collect donations at half-time or do a sweepstake for the big football tournaments with your colleagues and friends

Fun run – get dressed up and take part in a run of your chose and get people to sponsor you

Fashion show – ask local shops to donate or loan outfits for an evening or get creative and design your own. Ask local community centres, universities or schools for a free space to hold the event and charge people to attend.

Face painting – use your artistic talents to paint people's faces for a fee

G

Guessing competition – challenge people to guess the weight of something (e.g. a cake) or the number of something (e.g. how many sweets in the jar) and charge a fee to enter. Have a prize for the winner.

Games – hold a championship for board games such as chess or scrabble or use fun games such as Jenga or Twister and ask people to pay to enter. Have a prize for the winner.

Golf tournament – plan a charity golf day and ask local golf clubs and local businesses to sponsor the event.



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Guess who – ask people in your work, university or school to provide photos of when they were a baby or use the baby photos of celebrities. Charge people a fee to guess who it is.

H

Head shaving – plan to have your hair shaved off and get people to sponsor you.

Horse racing – organise a sweepstake at work or with friends.

Halloween party – hold a party with fancy dress, games and goodies and charge people to attend.

Hula-hoop competition – challenge colleagues and friends to see who can keep the hula hoop spinning the longest. Have a prize for the winner.

I

Indoor sports day – ask your local community centre, university or school for a free space and set up a range of sporting activities. Put out collections buckets/boxes or charge a fee to enter.

International food day – choose one country as a theme for the day or have food from as many countries as you like. Ask friends and colleagues to bring along some food to the event and then charge to have people sample the fare.

J

Jewellery making – use your creative skills to craft jewellery and sell it at the local market or to family, friends and colleagues.

Jumble sale – turn your unwanted goods into cash by holding a jumble sale.

K

Karaoke evening – ask a local pub to host the event for you and invite friends, colleagues and neighbours along to sing the night away. Charge people for entry.

Knitting – if you enjoy knitting or belong to a knitting group, sell your creations at a local market or to family, friends and colleagues. Alternatively, you could hold a knitting competition to see who can knit the longest scarf in a set time and ask for donations.

L

Lunch money – ask colleagues to bring in their own lunch for a day and to donate the money they'd normally spend buying lunch.

Line dancing – hold an event where everyone has to line dance and ask an expert to give their time for free to teach people the moves. Charge an entrance fee.



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M

Music Night – use your musical talents or those of people you know to host a gig or a musical evening. Ask a local pub or venue for their support and charge an entry fee.

Marathon – sign up to achieve the 26.2-mile run and ask people to sponsor you

Murder Mystery Evening – invite people to the event and ask them to dress up to suit the part. Provide nibbles and drinks and charge people to attend.

N

No drinking – give up drinking for a month and ask people to sponsor you.

Night in – stay home with your friends on a Saturday night and provide nibbles and drinks. Ask them to donate the money they'd normally spend going out.

O

Obstacle course – create an obstacle course and challenge people to take part for a fee.

Odd jobs – offer to help friends and neighbours in return for donations.

Open day – if you work in an interesting building or have a colourful garden, host an open day and charge an entry fee.

P

Pin the tail on the donkey – challenge family, friends and colleagues to pin the tail on the donkey when blindfolded. Ask for a fee to enter.

Plant sale – for the green fingered among you, sell your plants, cuttings and seedlings at a local market or ask family, friends and neighbours for donations.

Pub crawl – get friends to go out in fancy dress and ask people for donations for your charity bucket or box.

Q

Quiz night – choose a venue either at work, at home or the local pub and host a quiz night. You could choose your own format or base it one of your favourite TV quiz shows. Ask people for a fee to participate.

R

Raffles – ask family, friends and local businesses to donate prizes and sell tickets to raffle them off.

Rugby match – host a charity rugby match at your local club and collect donations from players and spectators at half-time.



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Read-athon – see how many books you can read in a given time period such as a week and ask people to sponsor you.

S

Soak the boss/teacher – ask your manager or teacher if they'd be willing to get soaked by wet sponges while in the stocks. Charge people a fee per sponge that they throw.

Swimming competition – hold a competition at your local swimming club and charge per entry or get sponsored for a swim-athon and see how many lengths you can do in a given period of time and get people to sponsor you.

Sponsored silence – keep quiet for a whole day and get people to sponsor you.

Skydiving – for the adventurous, sign yourself up to do a skydive and get people to sponsor you.

Spelling Bee – plan a spelling competition at a venue of your choice and charge people to enter. Have a prize for the winner.

T

Talent show – ask a local university, school or pub to support the event and get family, friends and colleagues to showcase their talents. Charge an entry fee.

Three-legged race – team up with friends and colleagues and have a fun run. Charge to enter or ask for donations from participants and spectators.

Tug of war – form some teams and challenge each other to a tug of war. Charge to enter or ask for donations from participants and spectators.

U

University challenge – form teams from within your own university or with other neighbouring universities and hold a quiz to see who comes out on top.

Uniform free day – ask permission from staff and pay a fee to wear casual clothes for the day.

V

Volley ball competition – hold the event outdoors or indoors depending on the time of year. Form teams and either charge people to play or ask for donations from participants and spectators.

W

Wine tasting – ask a local wine expert to donate their time and bring along some bottles of wine. Charge for attendance or donate some of the proceeds for any bottle purchased.



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Wheel barrow race – team up and race for fun. Charge for entry or ask for donations from participants and spectators.

Walk – sign up for an organised walk or choose your own destination and distance and ask people to sponsor you.

Wine and cheese evening – host an evening where people can sample a selection of wines and cheeses. Charge for attendance.

Wellie throwing competition – get some teams together and see who can throw the wellie the furthest. Charge for entry or ask participants and spectators to donate.

X

X-Factor contest – showcase the singing talents of family, friends and colleagues. Charge an entry fee.

Y

Yes day – say yes to every (reasonable) request that people make of you and get people to sponsor you.

Yo-yo competition – hold a competition to see who can yo-yo the longest in a set period of time. Charge an entry fee.

Z

Zany clothes day – wear your wackiest, brightest outfit for the day and get friends and colleagues to join in and do the same. Charge a fee or ask for donations.

We'd be delighted to hear all about your fundraising events. Please do let us know how it went and send us some photos by emailing us at admin@pancanscot.org or posting a message on our 'Pancreatic Cancer Scotland' Facebook page.

Thank you for your support and we wish you the best of luck with your fundraising. It will help change the lives of people with pancreatic cancer in Scotland.