



FUNDRAISING EVENTS IDEAS BANK

There are so many ways in which you can help to raise funds for our work. Below are some ideas followed by our A-Z Ideas Bank. You might want to challenge yourself or you might just want to have fun.

- **Take on a Trek** –Walk the Yorkshire Three Peaks, conquer the Welsh 3000s or scale the Jurassic Coast. To summit all up, grab your walking boots and get sponsored to hike
- **Stair climb** - Pick a nice tall building and climb those stairs! Ask for sponsorship for every floor climbed.
- **Dress up** - Get your friends together and pick some creative outfits. Set up a justgiving page and ask for sponsors.
- **10,000 or 1,000,000 steps challenge** - Get active this year and take 10,000 steps a day for 30 days. Use your smart phone or watch to keep an eye on your progress. Ask your mates to sponsor your efforts.
- **Night walk** - Go nocturnal by setting up a night walk in your community. Make sure you take all steps to keep it safe.
- **Dog walk** - Ask your friends and neighbours if you can walk their dogs for a donation
- **Get your school to walk a mile** - Encourage your school to walk a mile for children.
- **Relay walk** - Grab your work pals and get competitive. Organise an office wide relay race and charge £1 to compete.
- **Walkathon** - You, your friends, 26 miles. Pick a route and get going! Ask your loved ones to sponsor you per mile.

For a really tough challenge how about Sky diving, Wing walking, Fire walking, Cycling coast to coast, rowing/paddling/canoeing a stretch of river (or the length of a river, rough sleeping in the woods, hills or mountains whilst doing a walk, taking on a long distance walking challenge?



A-Z of Fundraising Ideas

A

- **Aerobics-athon** Organise an aerobics-athon to keep fit and healthy and feel good, as well as supporting GCM. You can do this online, following one of the YouTube exercise classes, or do your own.

Perfect for: Friends, family and work colleagues

- **Auction** – Do you have any collectables you've been meaning to clear out, or perhaps you have some rare skills you have that are ripe for auctioning off? Either way, an auction is a fantastic way of raising money, bringing people together and having fun.

Perfect for: Friends, family and work colleagues

B

- **BBQ event** (or curry night, pizza night or a themes food night)

Perfect for: Church, office, friends and family

- **Bingo** – Get creative and create a bingo sheet tailored for your audience. You could theme it by music, celebrity faces or food or keep it old school with numbers.

Perfect for: Friends and family and work colleagues.

- **Bike ride** – Take part in a cycling event or organise your own. Get sponsored on an online fundraising page for your efforts.

Perfect for: Personal challenge, in a group, friends and family

- **Birthday fundraising** – Set up an online fundraising page and ask for donation instead of presents this year. It might also save you from getting unwanted gifts!

Perfect for: Personal challenge, kids

C

- **Carol Singing**

Perfect for: Church, office, friends and family

- **Coffee fundraising** - Hold a virtual coffee morning with your friends and family - catch up over a cup of tea or coffee, and help communities around the world! Our [downloadable guide](#) is full of tips and ways to make your coffee morning a success - all of which can be adapted for a virtual event!

Perfect for: Church, office, friends and family

- **Concert** – Know some musically talented people or have you got the talent yourself? Hold your own music concert and ask for a donation to join

Perfect for: School, university, friends and family

D

- **Dance challenge** - Time to put your best foot forward and do a danceathon at home. Pick a time, get your playlist ready and keep dancing! Get sponsored, post pictures and videos online or (if you're really clever!) stream the whole thing live

Perfect for: Church, office, school, friends and family

- **Dress up day** – Bring in a pound or two, by dressing up in your fanciest outfit or silliest outfits.
Perfect for: Office, school

E

- **Easter egg hunt** – Hold a hunt for chocolate and ask family and friends to donate to take part.

Perfect for: Office, kids

F

- **Fancy dress day** – Set a theme and encourage your school or work colleagues to throw on a costume. Perfect for: Schools, office

- **Film night** – Close the curtains and snuggle up with family or your flat mates for a marathon of themed movies. Ask everyone to donate £5 and your evening will make difference to children around the world.

Perfect for: Friends and family.

G

- **Gaming for Good** - Computer games can do good! If you or someone you know plays a lot of FIFA, Minecraft or some other game, why not have a look at Gaming For Good on [JustGiving](#),

Perfect for: Children, school, church, friends and family.

- **Give something up** – Get sponsored for giving something up or donate the money you're saving – it might be alcohol, takeaways, your morning coffee or sweet treats.

Perfect for: Personal challenge

- **Games night** – If your dream night in involves playing your favourite board games, then hosting a games night might be the perfect fundraiser for you. From Scrabble to Monopoly and Mouse Trap, there are plenty of games to keep you and your guests entertained.

Perfect for: Friends and family, in a group, kids

- **Golf Clubs** - Organise a golf day, or have a 24 hour golf marathon. Sign your golf club up to a fundraising event this year.

Perfect for: Office

H

- **Hike** – Grab your walking boots and organise a hike to raise money. Get sponsored to cover the miles.

Perfect for: Personal challenge and friends and family.

- **Head shave** – Could you challenge yourself to lose your locks to raise money? Set up a fundraising page to get sponsored and be sure to have a before and after snap!

Perfect for: Personal challenge

I

- **It's a Knockout** - The ultimate school sports day for all ages. Fun is a big incentive for people to get involved but you could also reach out to local businesses and ask them to donate a prize. They'll be

helping a good cause and if your event gains press interest, they'll also get exposure. You may need materials so if you, or somebody you know works in a school or local sports centre, reach out to them. If not, perhaps ask a neighbour if they have a hosepipe you could use!

Perfect for: Schools, Church, Office, Universities

J

- **Jazz night** – Love jazz? See if you can hold a night of jazz music. Ask for a donation for those who join. Alternatively, if you play an instrument yourself, you could give free lessons for a donation.

Perfect for: Friends and family, and virtual groups

K

- **Karaoke night** – Everyone has a secret party piece they're itching to share! So why not grab a microphone and organise a donate-to-enter karaoke contest?

Perfect for: Friends and family, in a group

L

- **Learn something new** – Get sponsored to try something new. It could be taking up a new physical challenge or something creative, like learning an instrument or starting dancing lessons.

M

- **Marathon run** – Want to really push yourself? Sign up to run one for us. Get sponsored for your training efforts and achieve something amazing.

Perfect for: Personal challenge

- **Matched Giving** – Matched giving is a great way to boost what you raise. Ask your employer if they have a Matched Giving scheme and you could double what you raise from your fundraising activity.

Perfect for: Office

- **Music night** – Are you big into music? Why not organise a music night with your local community and fill your local community hall with pop, rock, jazz or something else!

Perfect for: Friends and family, in a group

N

- **Name the...** – The options for this fundraising idea are endless. Ask your friends or colleagues to donate to guess the name of the teddy, or get everyone's baby photos together and get guessing who it is!

Perfect for: Office, schools, universities

- **New Year dip** – The New Year is the perfect time for a challenge! Find an organised New Year dip near you and get sponsored for making the chilly splash.

Perfect for: Friends and family, in a group, personal challenge

- **New Year's resolutions** – Get sponsored to give something up or take on a new challenge.

Perfect for: Personal challenge

- **Nominate a teacher/church leader or the Boss – to have their legs, beard or head shaved online.**

Do you have a teacher, church leader or boss who is game for a laugh? Challenge them or a youth leader to have a shave or wax for a good cause.

O

- **Obstacle race** – Find your local muddy challenge, like Tough Mudder, and get sponsored to take part. You could even set up your own ultimate obstacle course for others to take part in.

Perfect for: Personal challenge, in a group

P

- **Pancake day** – Host a pancake party on Shrove Tuesday or on a day that suits you, and ask for a suggested donation for your sweet and savoury creations. You could hold a pancake-flipping contest, or challenge people to a pancake race!

Perfect for: Schools, office, friends and family, in a group, universities

- **Penalty Shoot Out**– Host a penalty shoot-out (or equivalent for any sport that involved scoring goals/points) get sponsored for each goal/point you score. Can be as a team or individual.

Perfect for: Schools, office, friends and family, in a group, universities

- **Pilgrimage**- Pilgrimage is a wonderful expression of our faith, as is giving to others. The two can be wonderfully combined in lots of different ways. How about walking the equivalent distance as a

sponsored walk? You can do it on your own over a period of time or get friends and family involved. Set up a Fundraiser on [JustGiving](#) and invite your Parish to get involved and sponsor you.

Perfect for: Church, house groups, friends and family, office

Q

- **Quiz night** – Get your community involved or just your friends and family. You can raise money by taking donations for entries to the quiz, and hold a raffle* on the same night. We have some quizzes already written that we can send you or there are lots that can be downloaded on the internet.

Perfect for: Friends and family, office

R

- **Raffle*** – Holding a raffle is a great way to raise more money for charity at a fundraising event. You can even ask local businesses if they will donate a prize..

Perfect for: Friends and family, office, in a group

- **Read-a-thon** – Challenge yourself or a class to a certain number of reading sessions and get sponsored for charity!

Perfect for: Personal challenge, universities, kids

- **Run, walk or cycle** - Whether you're keen to try a 10k or go for a full marathon, the money you raise could help us with our work.

Perfect for: Personal challenge

S

- **Sell for GCM on EBay or other websites** - Unwanted items around the house? Auction them on [eBay](#) and a percentage (or all) of the sale price can come to GCM!

- **Sleepout somewhere** – Take part in our Big City Sleepout Event in October or sleepout out at work, school, in your garden, anywhere that is out of your usual comfort zone.

Perfect for: Friends and family, in a group, universities, school, church, office

- **Sponsored silence** – Ask friends, colleagues or another group to sponsor you for an hour (or more!) of silence. This is a great idea for chatterboxes!

Perfect for: Personal challenge, in a group, kids

- **Swim** – Get sponsored to cover a set distance.

Perfect for: Personal challenge

- **Sweepstake at work*** – You can hold a sweepstake on lots of things, from ‘guess my finishing time’, if you’re taking part in a race, to ‘guess how many sweets are in the jar’.

Perfect for: Office

T

- **Triathlon** – Challenge yourself to take part in a triathlon and ask for sponsorship to conquer the swim, cycle and run challenge in one go!

Perfect for: Personal challenge, in a group

- **Talent contest** – This is a great opportunity to showcase people’s talents while raising money. Ask people to donate to take part in the contest and see if you can get a prize donated for the competition winners.

Perfect for: Schools, in a group, friends and family, universities

U

- **Ultra Challenge Series** - Does 25km sound like a long way? How about 50km or 100? If you fancy a challenge, (walking, running or jogging) there are a number of events in different parts of the country, as well as virtually. This is the [full list](#), and you can sign up for as many as you like.

Perfect for: Personal challenge, in a group

- **University challenge** – Challenge your rival university through an event like TV’s ‘University Challenge’ quiz. Raise money through entry and see who comes out on top!

Perfect for: Universities

- **Uniform-free day** – Ask the school to hold a non-uniform day to raise money for Save the Children. Ask pupils to bring in £1 to take part.

Perfect for: Schools

V

- **Valentine's day** – Do you know lots of single people? You could hold a speed-dating event.

Perfect for: In a group, friends and family

W

- **Walk** – Grab your walking boots and organise a long walk to raise money. Get sponsored to cover the miles.

Perfect for: Schools, personal challenge

- **Wine and cheese evening** - Enjoy meeting and socialising with family and friends, with a wine and cheese evening! With coronavirus still present, you could hold the event online (via apps such as Zoom) and have a great time and enjoy some food and drink..

Perfect for: Friends and family

X

- **X-factor competition** – Ask three of your friends (or two, if you'd like to be a judge yourself!) to act as judges for the very best talent competition on the planet. You can take part, or even play host! Encourage people to take part by having a worthwhile prize for the winner.

Perfect for: Friends and family, universities

Y

- **Yellow Ideas** As we slowly move towards spring and some warmer sunshine, how about trying a fundraiser based on the colour yellow? Children could ask friends and family to sponsor them to have an 'all-yellow day'; yellow clothes, yellow nails, yellow hair! Or, how about making crafty gifts that feature the colour yellow?

Perfect for: School, Office, universities

Z

- **Zumba** – Hold a sponsored Zumba event and raise money through your endless rhythm.

Perfect for: Friends and family, in a group, universities

- **Zip-wiring** – Get sponsored to do a zipwire challenge – find your nearest location and feel the adrenaline pumping.

Perfect for: Personal challenge, in a group, friends and family

*As a charity Gloucester City Mission doesn't organise any events of our own that have any form of gambling, however we are happy for supporters to run events such as raffles or lotteries. If you are organising a raffle, please ensure you read the rules and regulations on the Gambling commission website: <http://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk>

Some Useful Links

Sky Diving ideas www.skylineparachuting.co.uk/

Cycle Coast to Coast - www.charitychallenge.com/expedition/3339/Coast-to-Coast-Cycle-Challenge

Treks/Walks - www.nationaltrail.co.uk/

www.walkingbritain.co.uk/

Different running events - runforcharity.com/

www.parkrun.com/

Fire walking - www.ukfirewalk.com/

Wing walking - www.gowingwalking.com/

You can download sponsor forms, gift aid forms and links to our donate pages here - www.gloscitymission.org.uk/donate

[Online Donations Platforms](#)

Stewardship

[Justgiving](#)

You can also find us on Facebook Fundraising, Instagram fundraising and Paypal

Please contact kevin@gloscitymission.org.uk with any questions



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