Fundraising ideas

There are a number of open challenges or events that you could take part in and get sponsored to do for charity. We’ve put together a list of ideas to get you started:

Run (5K, 10K, Half Marathon, Full Marathon)

Whether you’re a beginner or an expert taking part in a sponsored run is a good way to raise money and gives runners flexibility to choose a distance appropriate to their own level.

Walk

Walks are a great alternative to running and can range from a 5k to Half Marathon or Full Marathon.

Bike ride or cycling event

Cycling events are a great way to fundraise and push yourself personally. Why not organise a sponsored bike ride or cycling challenge?

Bike rides can range from 10KM to 100KM and can take place from one location to another (London to Paris or RIAS to RIBA). Did you know you can also take part in organised cycling events for us too?

Dance-athon or Dancing

Organise a dancing event with an entry fee or take part in a sponsored dance-athon.

Spin-a-thon

A spin-a-thon is an event where participants use a stationary exercise bike. This allows the event to be done in one room or hall, with people able to talk to those next to them – regardless of what pace each individual goes at!
Water Sports activities or events
Why not take part in a water sport activity or event for charity? This could be an organised event or a personal challenge and would be great for a team building exercise between friends or colleagues.

Sponsored Silence
Get sponsored not to talk for a certain time or day – for example, a 24 hours sponsored silence!

Obstacle Course
Want to really challenge yourself? You can find organised charity obstacle courses or take part in an obstacle course (Tough Mudder or other).

Swimming
Take part in an organised swimming event or set yourself a personal challenge to raise money for charity. Whether you’re a beginner or an expert swimmer, there’s something for everyone!

Backpacking or Hiking
It’s possible to organise a personal backpacking trip or hiking challenge that you can also turn into a fundraising event. Remember your hiking boots!

Bungee Jumps and Skydives
Bungee Jumps or Skydives are adrenalin filled events that can be done through organised events or your own personal challenges. Bring your friends and colleagues along to watch you jump – or get them involved too!
Abseils and Zip Slides
Did you know you can abseil or take a zip slide ride for charity? These are outdoors challenges that you can take part in and create a personal challenge on money raising platforms such as JustGiving. Friends and colleagues can come along to support you or take part with you!

Triathlon or duathlon
A triathlon involves three different stages, most commonly a swimming stage, a running stage and a cycling stage. There are a number of triathlons that are organised for charity every year that you can take part in. A duathlon is similar but consists of running and cycling only.

Fancy dress challenge
Feeling gutsy? Taking part in fancy dress can be a silly yet funny way of raising money for charity. Set a target, and if you reach it, dress up! Come on!

Mountain Climb – 3 Peaks, Snowdon, Peak District, Ben Nevis / Treks
Treks are becoming a popular way of raising money for charity and seeing great views! There are a number of great treks available in the UK (as well as abroad), such as trekking across Snowdon, Peak District, Scafell Pike or Ben Nevis. There are a few different versions of this challenge, such as the National Three Peaks challenge, the Yorkshire Three Peaks or the Welsh Three Peaks.
And…… there are more to explore!

Architectural Themed Events

- Architectural Pub Crawl
- Art Exhibition
- Award dinners/Ticketed events
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- Consultations for donations
- Drawing Competition / Photo Competition
  Selling Drawings – i.e. Postcards to sell
- Raffles
- Consultations for donations

Social/Games

- Barbeque/Garden Party
- Pub Quiz/Bingo
- Eating contest i.e. chilli crackers
- Head and Beard Shave/Waxing
- Scavenger Hunt
- Sports Match i.e Football/Netball
- Dress-up/Dress-down day
- FIFA Tournament / Games Tournament
- Host an event
  i.e Movie Night, Dinner night
- Guess the number/Weight
- Sweepstakes- sport games/tournament
- Selling Drawings – i.e. Postcards to sell
Arts/Crafts

- Bake Sale
- Stalls i.e. Arts or crafts, Jewellery making & selling or plant sale
- Car Boot Sale/Fairs/Jumble Sale
- Busking
- Book Sale

Personal Challenges

- Giving up something for a month i.e. smoking
- Cycle/Walk to work scheme
- Offer a service i.e. car cleaning, grocery
- Swear box

Miscellaneous

- Collection Box/Fill Smartie tubes £1 coins
- Classes/Training courses
- Backpacking
- Payroll giving
- Drawing Competition