



FUNDRAISING IDEAS

A great way to support the Swan Youth Centre

Raise money, have fun and get to know your colleagues or friends in a new way. These ideas are primarily for businesses but schools, colleges and clubs or groups of friends could adapt some of them and have fun! If you're in a business, why not organise a teambuilding session around one of these ideas and do a bit for both your firm and your community?

- Aluminium Collection – Have collection point in the workplace for empty cans...sell them to an Alupro aluminium can recycling depot – great for the environment as well your target!
- Auction – auction off original items, taking a percentage of sales. Approach local business and attractions and ask for donations
- Bad tie day – charge your colleagues a pound to come in wearing their loudest tie. Award the winner. Have you already got somebody in mind?
- Barbecue – charge for the burgers and sell drinks. Combine this with a raffle and some fun entertainment and you're looking at a fun day for all the company.
- Bingo – hold a one-off evening or regular morning sessions before work starts.
- Bring and Buy Sale – January is a great time to do this! Bring in those unwanted socks that your grandma bought you and see the joy they bring to somebody else!
- Bungee jump – this will make a great feature in the press. And there are more adventure challenges, abseiling, skydiving – the sky's the limit!
- Cake bake competition – Have a bake off and get your boss/teacher to select a winner. Sell your cakes on to boost fundraising.
- Car wash – wash cars at shopping centres or your office car park
- Dance-off – Be known as the best dancer in the office!
- Diet – gets friends and colleagues to join you, charge a registration fee and ask for a minimum amount of sponsorship money



- Dress down day– do you work in a large office? Everybody paying a pound to dress down for a day will soon add up! Make it a regular novelty, the last Friday of every month...
- Ebay – Register yourself on eBay.co.uk and auction off old and unwanted items – send out a global email to the team asking them to bring things in
- Expert Talks – ask people to donate their time and expertise
- Fashion show – Clothes outlets will support an event like this by providing an outfit to be showcased at the event.
- Fancy dress party – pay and win prizes – chose from the countless themes, i.e. famous people, Halloween, superheroes, gypsy's, medieval – the list goes on!
- Fun day! Win over your boss to hold a fundraising day for team building purposes. Choose some of these activities and ask them if they'll let the team sponge them! £1 a sponge.
- Games – twister, Jenga, Team trivial pursuit. Pay to enter, donated prizes. Go one step further and name it 'Office Olympics' - How many times can you get a paper ball in the bin in a row?
- Go- karting – organise a work trip
- Golf tournament – ask a golf club to sponsor the event for you.
- Guess the number – e.g. guess how many sweets in the jar or how many pies you can eat!
- Karaoke night
- Match Funding – Challenge your employer – will they match what the team raise? Lots of companies do so it's worth asking...
- Marathon – get sponsored to run 26.2 miles for The Swan.
- Murder Mystery night – dress the part to make it more fun!
- New Year's Eve party – or any other Party.
- Paintballing
- Party! – 60's, 70's, 80's. Dress up!
- Quiz night – get your local pub to help
- Smoking – get sponsored to give up and get healthy!
- Ten pin bowling – bowling alleys will often offer discount for charity events
- Treasure hunt – entry fee and donated prizes
- Win a day off work! Ask your boss to raffle or auction a day off work!
- Yes day – say yes to everything for a day (within reason!) Ask people to sponsor your efforts