

The Children's Voice is funded entirely by public donation. By helping us to raise money, you can make a huge difference and help change the lives of children both now and in the future.

You can organise a range of fundraising activities either in your workplace, school or by involving your friends and relatives. Here are some ideas to get you started:

In your workplace

- **Office quiz:** why not hold an office quiz after work in your office? You can even budget for some drinks and food and a small prize for the winners.
- **Work sports day:** Three legged races, sack race, egg and spoon? You're never too old for a sports day, and with a collection from all those taking part you can have fun and raise money at the same time.
- **Office Olympic Games:** Ok, so 2012 is a long way away, but if you can't get out of the office to take part in some fun sporting activity then why not stage your own mini-Olympics in your own office? From an office equipment treasure hunt to an office chair race there are lots of great events you could run.
- **Boss swap:** Bidders can compete to swap their job with their boss for a day.
- **Office radio:** Let your colleagues pay to hear their favourite songs played during the day in the workplace.
- **Funds matching:** Ask your boss if they will match the amount of any funds that you and your colleagues raise.

In your school/college /university

- **Student's Union:** Ask your student council or union if they will get involved either by making a donation or by letting you stage an event – a battle of the bands, comedy night or sports day.
- **Talent Hunt:** Why not stage your own Pop Idol style competition and encourage everyone to demonstrate their particular talent – singing, juggling, magic...
- **Staff vs. Pupils quiz:** It could be University Challenge or teachers vs. pupils, but why not hold a quiz-based event with both sides pitting their general knowledge against each other?

- **Games tournaments:** It could be an inter-schools football tournament or even a competition to find a school chess champion, but there are lots of games-based events that could be organised. If you are more ambitious, you could stage a full size chess game with real people as the pieces, or an It's A Knockout series of challenges.

In your community

- **Host a summer party or B-B-Q:** With food and games to make the most of the sunshine. You can also hold a raffle on the day to raise extra funds.
- **Car Boot Sale:** As well as ticket sales and a donation from the sellers you can also raise some money by selling snacks and drinks.
- **Book Group:** organise a regular local book group, perhaps at the local library and charge a small fee.
- **Ladies day:** Strictly women only. Spend a day pampering each other with makeovers, snacks, keep fit sessions and relaxation. Men, don't feel left out and organise a day for yourselves.
- **Fancy Dress fashion show:** design your own costume and ask friends and family to help to create or model it. You can charge people to attend and take part.

Some general fundraising activities you should consider

- **Dress down for the day:** Pay to wear your own clothes rather than work clothes or a school uniform for a day. Alternatively dress up! Everyone has to wear fancy dress for the day.
- **Raise a collection:** A simple idea, but often one of the best and easiest ways to raise money is to simply ask everyone you know to contribute something.

- **Sponsorship:** If you have a particular talent then why not ask everyone you know, and even people you don't, to sponsor you? It could be anything from a sponsored swim / joke telling session/ bike ride/silence...
- **Walk for a week:** Why not try walking everywhere for a week rather than catching public transport and then donate the money to the charity?
- **Jumble sale:** Encourage as many people as possible to bring along items they no longer need and raise money from ticket sales and from the sellers themselves.
- **Small change:** Organise for everyone to donate their spare coins – 1p, 2p, 5p etc to a massive collecting jar. You can even have a guess-how-much-has-been-raised competition with a small prize when the collection box or jar is full.
- **Sports day:** Organise a sports day with your school or a workplace near to you, with donations from participants and spectators. There can be tug-o-war, relay races, beat the goalie, rounders matches etc...
- **Be sponsored to quit:** Give up sweets for a month, cut down the amount of TV you watch or any other bad habit for a month. You'll feel better and if everyone you know sponsors you then you'll raise money for a good cause at the same time.
- **Bob a Job:** Wash a friend or relative's car, do the housework, become a dog walker or help pack shopping at the supermarket.

For more information about how you can help, please Email: info@thechildrensvoice.com

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