

There are many different things you can do when it comes to fundraising. Here are four ideas to get you started. Remember to do something that is going to get as many people as possible involved and to do something that is suitable to the people and place.

Table Quiz

You will need a large room/hall. Ask someone to be the quizmaster. This is usually someone who is quite ingenious and simply knows too much trivia! Make some invitations asking teams of 4-6 people to enter. Ask all your friends and people from your school, church and local area, let as many people know as possible! Put an entrance fee on each table and explain where the proceeds are going. Make sure that the quizmaster has a few rounds on the country which you are supporting up his/her sleeve! Have a small prize for the winning team (chocolate is usually good!) Tea/coffee & biscuits go down well.

Sponsored Read-a-thon

Your group could celebrate literacy by reading Scripture aloud for a certain number of hours. Draw up a sponsor sheet with an explanation of the project on it and collect sponsorships for each minute or 5 minutes of reading. 10 of you could read for 30 minutes each, maybe taking turns to read in 10 or 15-minute sections. You could even read some sections in another language! There are all sorts of things you could be sponsored for – sponsored silence, stay awake, walk, fast, marathon, music making, Scripture writing...etc.

A month of want

This is a type of sponsored fast. Encourage as many people to take part in this as possible. Each person must select something that they really enjoy and then give it up for a month (younger children may try a week). It can be anything - chocolate, coffee, TV, chips, the car, mobile phone... something that you will notice and have to consciously make an effort to give up. Draw up simple sponsor forms and receive sponsorship per day. You could even keep a graph during the month charting how many people are still going strong! Use this to focus on the 'want' that many Christians around the world experience for Bibles and the ability to read.

Auction of Promises

Find volunteers who will willingly carry out a chore for a friend. Chores can be anything from an evening's baby-sitting to walking the dog for a week, to washing the car...whatever you come up with! Set an evening aside and invite everyone you know. Set up a stage and bring the volunteers up one at a time, have them stand while an announcer declares their 'Promise' eg. 'Simon promises to mow your lawn this summer. Let the bidding start at £5...' It's even more fun if the volunteers dress in a way representing their promise! This is a really great way to encourage young people to spend some time helping in the community. Make sure the 'Auctioneer' explains the reason for the event.