



wasteaid^{UK}

A-Z of Fundraising ideas

Get inspired to fundraise for WasteAid!

Help us clean the environment, provide life skills and campaign for waste management to be recognised as a powerful tool for sustainable development.

We would love to hear about your fundraising activities. Take photos of what you do and send them into us at info@wasteaid.org.uk so we can celebrate your success by sharing them on our website.

A

Aerobics-athon – Keep fit and have fun and with a sponsored work-out!

Afternoon tea – Put the kettle on and get baking, and entertain your guests with live music and quizzes.

Arts and crafts fair – Bring out your creative flair with paintings, photographs, woodwork and jewellery. Download the fundraising events toolkit from wasteaid.org.uk/get-involved

Auction – Hold an auction in your community centre or even on eBay and sell items to the highest bidder.

Auction of services – Offer your skills, for example haircuts or gardening or cooking a meal.

B

Bake-off – A cake sale with a difference – encourage your friends, colleagues or community group to bake cakes, biscuits and pies, and hold a judging contest to see whose are the tastiest.

Bad tie day – Charge your colleagues a pound to wear the worst tie they can find into work!

Barbeque – Add music, team games and sports and make a fun day of it. Download the fundraising events toolkit from wasteaid.org.uk/get-involved

Bike ride – Enjoy the great outdoors and see how many miles you can cover on a sponsored bike ride.

Bingo – Try a one-off event or regular sessions.

Book sale – Everyone's got books they no longer want. Pass them on and raise money in the process.

Bungee jump – Not for the faint hearted!

C

Car wash – Set up a car wash in your work car park and be amazed at how many friends take you up on the offer.

Carol concert – Singing is a great way to bring people together, raising their voices to raise money for charity!

Casino evening – Dust off your bow ties and cocktail dresses and have fun with your friends. Send us your photos if you'd like WasteAid to share your story online and help inspire others.

Coffee morning – Take it in turns to go to different people’s homes and enjoy the social side of charity fundraising! Download the fundraising events toolkit from wasteaid.org.uk/get-involved

Competitions – Set up your own competitions, from ‘guess how many jellybeans in the jar’ to ‘guess who the baby in the picture is’.

D

Dance – Organise a disco, salsa, tea dance and charge an entrance fee, or even go for a sponsored dance-athon!

Dress down day – Forget suits and uniforms, it’s time to relax in your comfy clothes.

E

Easter egg hunt – Ask local businesses to donate Easter eggs and charge an entrance fee to find them.

Eco day – Dress in green and do a sponsored litter pick in your local park or beach. Make crafts from recycled rubbish and sell them in an art exhibition. Charge an entrance fee to take part. Download the fundraising events toolkit from wasteaid.org.uk/get-involved

Egg painting competition – Stick a pin in the end of an egg, drain it and then decorate with paints, jewels, goggly eyes and feathers. Sell them to raise money for WasteAid_{UK}.

F

Face painting – Get creative with face paints at children’s parties, fairs and fetes.

Fancy dress – Pick a theme and give prizes for the best outfits. Send photos of your event to WasteAid_{UK} and we will share your pics online to help inspire others!

Fashion show – Recycle old clothes into new works of fashion and strut your stuff on the catwalk.

Festivals – Talk with your local festival organiser and run a charity stall selling arts and crafts.

Film night – Get your friends round and host themed movie nights – fancy dress optional! Download the fundraising events toolkit from wasteaid.org.uk/get-involved

Foreign coins – Ask people to bring in their leftover holiday coins and change them into sterling once you have enough.

Fun run – Add fancy dress and run through your local town to raise money – and probably a few eyebrows!

G

Game show – Hold your own version of Who Wants To Be A Millionaire, The Weakest Link or University Challenge, and charge an entrance fee. Get prizes donated.

Garden party – Sell tickets or invite guests to make a donation. Remember to take photos so WasteAid can share your story online!

Gardening – Offer your gardening services to friends and family.

Give it up! – Give something up like chocolate or computer games, and get sponsored or donate the money you save. Don't forget to download your sponsorship form from wasteaid.org.uk/get-involved

Guest speaker – Invite a guest speaker and sell admission tickets, perhaps a local historian or natural history expert.

Guess the... – Guess the name of the teddy, the weight of the cake, the number of balloons in a car or sweets in a jar... Challenge your friends and charge 50p a guess.

H

Hula-hoop contest – How long can you keep a hula-hoop spinning for? Get sponsored per spin or the amount of time you can hula-hoop for. Download your sponsorship form from wasteaid.org.uk/get-involved

Hair braiding and plaiting – Sponsored hair dos are a fun way to play with style whilst raising money for charity.

Household sale – Sell off all your unwanted belongings.

I

Inflatable – Hire an inflatable fly wall or boxing ring to raise funds at local events.

International evening – Hold an international evening and invite your friends to cook food from different countries and dress up in national costumes. Play music and hang flags from across the globe. You could also host a quiz to see how much people know about different parts of the world. Remember to take photos so WasteAid can share your story online! Download the fundraising events toolkit from wasteaid.org.uk/get-involved

It's a knockout – Invite teams to compete in silly games in costumes, and charge an entrance fee. Ask local businesses to donate prizes.

J

Jail break – Dump teams in the middle of nowhere. With no money or transport, see who gets back to base first. Charge entrance fees and ask people to donate prizes.

Jewellery sale – Make your own jewellery to sell and dig out old jewellery you no longer wear. Sell them at markets and craft fairs, or on eBay, and donate the money you raise.

Jumble sales – Have a good clear out and sell your unwanted items at a local jumble sale. Anything and everything goes – from clothes and crockery to computer games and books.

K

Karaoke – Who's got talent? Find out with a fun karaoke session, and charge your friends to sing a song. Download the fundraising events toolkit from wasteaid.org.uk/get-involved

Knit-athon – Hold a sponsored knit-athon, see how many items you and your friends can make in a day, and you could also sell or auction your work too.

L

Litter picking – Get a group of people together and clean up your local park or neighbourhood in return for sponsorship. Remember to take photos so WasteAid can share your story online! Download your sponsorship form from wasteaid.org.uk/get-involved

Loud clothes day – Who out of your friends or colleagues has the loudest clothes? Pay a pound to join the fun and get colourful and creative.

M

Matched funding – Double the money you raise by asking local businesses to support your cause. Email info@wasteaid.org.uk if you'd like a supporting letter for your company.

Marathons – Get sponsored to run a traditional 26-mile race. Download your sponsorship form from wasteaid.org.uk/get-involved

Music event – Invite musicians and singers and have a fun evening raising money. You could even try making your own instruments... out of waste!

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N

Nominate a teacher – Sponsor a teacher to do something silly – fancy dress for a day, shaving their beard or even their head! Download the fundraising events toolkit from wasteaid.org.uk/get-involved

Name the teddy – Who can come up with the best name for the teddy? Charge your friends to come up with the most interesting, or amusing, name. You could even raffle the teddy off at the end of the competition.

Nature trail – Organise a guided tour of local beauty spots and invite a local expert to talk about the wildlife in the area. Charge an entrance fee, and have a picnic on the way.

Nearly new sale – Dig out your unwanted Christmas gifts, clothes, toys and books and hold a jumble sale with the proceeds going to WasteAid.

O

Open garden – Invite guests to your garden, and sell seedlings or vegetables. You could also have a barbeque to help raise even more for WasteAid_{UK}.

Odd job day – Help out around the home and get all those odd jobs done – for a fee of course!

Outward bounds – Get sponsored to go climbing, hiking or camping, and remember to take pictures so we can share your story online. Download your sponsorship form from wasteaid.org.uk/get-involved

P

Parties – Pick a venue, a date, a theme, and get your party hats on. Charge people an entrance fee, and organise games that people pay to take part in.

Penalty shoot out – Hold a football fundraiser and discover those hidden David Beckhams in your community.

Pet show – Who's pet is the cutest? Which one is the fluffiest? Can any do tricks? Find out by organising your own pet show and charge an admission fee. Ask your local pet shop to donate some prizes.

Plant a tree – Seek sponsors for a "plant a tree" scheme.

Playstation play-off – Hold a computer game tournament. Friends pay a pound to enter, and the final winner gets a prize. Download the fundraising events toolkit from wasteaid.org.uk/get-involved

Pledges – Gather pledges of support, donations and services. These could be auctioned or raffled off.

Q

Quiz nights – If your local pub doesn't run one, why not set one up? Questions can cover everything from pop music to sport... and maybe throw in some questions about recycling.

R

Raffle – Ask local businesses to donate prizes and raffle them off.

Ramble – Enjoy the great outdoors on a sponsored ramble. Download your sponsorship form from wasteaid.org.uk/get-involved

Recipe book – Invite friends, parents and local chefs to donate a recipe and publish your favourite ones in a book.

Recycling quiz – Test your friends' knowledge on all things recycling and charge a fee to enter.

Rounders tournament – Challenge your friends, or another team at work, to a rounders tournament. Players pay an entrance fee.

S

Samba or salsa dancing – Organise a fun night of dancing and collect donations from people taking part.

Sponsored event – Think up your own ideas for a sponsored event – a walk, a whole day speaking French, dye your hair or sing for 4 hours. The possibilities are endless! Download your sponsorship form from wasteaid.org.uk/get-involved

Swim-athon – How many lengths of the pool can you swim? Get sponsored and get your friends involved too.

T

Talent contest – Everyone's got talent, so why not hold a contest at your school or at work and charge at the door for entry. Download the fundraising events toolkit from wasteaid.org.uk/get-involved

Tombola – Get friends or local businesses to donate prizes. People pick a raffle ticket out of the tombola and only those ending with a 0 or 5 win a prize.

Treasure hunt – Add some tricky questions that your friends have to puzzle over before they can move onto the next stage. Hide something at the end for them to find. Remember to send WasteAid_{UK} photos of your event so we can share it online!

U

Unwanted presents – Bring in your unwanted presents and sell or auction them off to the highest bidder.

V

Variety show – Anything goes! Invite comedians, musicians, singers, dancers and magicians to entertain the crowds, and charge an entry fee.

Visits – Organise a visit to a museum, gallery or tourist destination, or maybe even your local waste site! Remember to charge for admission.

W

Walks – Organise historic, nature or even ghost walks around your local town and charge a fee.

Waste quiz – How much do you know about rubbish and recycling? Organise a themed quiz to raise funds for WasteAid UK!

Weight of the cake – Guess the weight of the cake – and win the cake if you're right! Charge people 50p or a pound per guess.

Windscreen wash – Charge to wash windscreens in your work car park or at the local shops – you may need to ask for permission first.

Wine tasting – Hold tasting sessions for wine companies. Charge commission on wine sold or arrange a raffle.

X

X-factor competition – Invite friends and family to take part and find out who has the X factor! Charge a fee to enter, and have a prize for the overall winner. Download the fundraising events toolkit from wasteaid.org.uk/get-involved

Y

Yacht racing – Participate in regional or national events, and seek sponsorship from friends and local businesses. Alternatively find a team already involved in the race and ask if they'll raise sponsorship money for WasteAid_{UK}.

Yo-yo competition – Get sponsored for the most number of tricks, or the time you can keep a yo-yo yo-yoing! Download your sponsorship form from wasteaid.org.uk/get-involved

Z

Zoo quiz – How well do you know the animal kingdom? Devise a quiz to test your friends' knowledge, and charge a small fee to enter.