# Fundraising Top Tips





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# Why fundraise for Cancer Focus NI





Provide **care and support services** for cancer patients and their families. Every year we support 5,800 local people affected by cancer, deliver 4,000 counselling sessions, answer 2,000 helpline enquiries, support 180 children whose parent is living with cancer, and deliver 600 art therapy sessions.



Offer a range of **cancer prevention programmes** to help people lessen their risk of getting cancer. Every year we help 68,000 children through school and nursery visits, provide community health events to 28,000 people, deliver our Stop Smoking Service to 4,000 smokers, and provide training to 500 healthcare professionals.



Fund scientific **research** into the causes and treatment of the disease. To date we have invested over £11m in local cancer research, provided funding to establish the Dept of Oncology at Queen's University, backed research to reduce risk of breast and ovarian cancer in women with BRAC1 gene, and funded public services based on research by Ulster University.



And **campaign** to increase cancer awareness and work with politicians and decision makers to develop legislation that helps us look after our own health.

We need to raise almost £4million every year to continue to deliver our services and rely primarily on the public's generosity to do so.

There are loads of ways that you can help. You can take part in events already in our event calendar or if you want to organise your own event, this booklet will give you a few handy hints and tips to get you started.

And you don't have to do it alone. Our fundraising team will be there to help you plan your event and support you with posters, flyers, buckets, t-shirts and marketing of the event to make sure people know about it.

If you would like to get in touch with our fundraising team to discuss your idea and see how they can help contact: E: fundraising@cancerfocusni.org T: 028 9066 3281

# The A - Z of fundraising ideas

## A

Aerobathon Afternoon Tea Party Alternative Marathon Angling Competition Antiques Fair Arm Wrestling Competition Art Exhibition Arts and Crafts Fair Auction



### B

Babysitting **Bag Packing at a Supermarket Baked Bean Bath** Ball **Balloon Race** Barbecue **Barn Dance** Bazaar **Beard Shaving** Beauty Evening ...... **Bedroom Tidying Beer Tasting Bike Ride** Bingo Bonfire **Book Sale Bridge Evening Bring and Buy Buffet Lunch** 



#### С

Cake Sale Calendar Caption Competition Car Boot Sale Car Show Car Wash Card Games Evening Carol Concert Carol Singing Casual Day at Work



Cat Show Cheese and Wine Party Children's Sports Day Church Fete Clothes Show Coffee Morning Cookery Lesson Computer Games Marathon Concert Cracker Race Craft Fair Crazy Golf Match Cricket



#### D

Dance Competition Darts Tournament Dinner Party Disco Dog Show Dog Walking Dress Down Day

#### Ε

F

Easter Ball Easter Egg Hunt Education Day Eighties Night E-Fundraising Entertainment Exhibitions



Face Painting Fancy Dress Party Fashion Show Festival Fete Film Night Fireworks Night Five-a-side Footie Flower Arranging Demonstration Fun Run



## G

Games Evening Garage Sale Garden Shows Garden Party Girls Night In/out Golf Tournament Grand National Guess the weight of...

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Indian Night Indie Music Night Indulgence Evening Insect Racing International Food Dinner Party

#### J

Jazz Night Jelly Eating Competition Job Swap Jumble Sale

#### K

Karaoke Night Kite Flying Competition Kick Boxing Tournament Kissogram Knitting Competition



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Ladies Lunch Learn a Language Learn a Skill Leg Wax Line Dancing London Marathon Loud Tie Day Lunchtime Quiz

#### M

Magic Show Make Up Demonstration Market Masked Ball Mastermind Man Van MegaPull Model Car Racing Movie Quote Quiz Murder Mystery Evening Musical Evening

#### Ν

Netball Tournament Non – Uniform Day

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Obstacle Course Odd Jobs Off-road Driving Office Olympics Office Party Open Garden Orienteering Outdoor Pursuits

#### P

Pancake Race Pampering Party Parachuting Party Photo Competition Pizza Party Play/Pantomime Poetry Night Pooch Pampering Pram Race Pub Quiz Pupils vs Teachers

#### G

Quiz Night







### R

Race Night Raffle Raft Race Rally Drive Read-a-Thon Recipe Book Record Breaking Attempt Rugby Match



### S

Sailing Race Salsa Night Scrabble competition Shoe Shining Silent Auction Sixties/Seventies Party Skiing Skydive Soccer Expert Game **Spelling Bee** Sponsored "Give It Up" Sponsored Silence Sponsored Slim Sponsored Swim Sports Day Stag and Hen Party Street Party Swear Box Swimming

#### T

Table Quiz Talent Competition Tennis Tournament Theme Night Three Legged Race Through the Keyhole Competition Tombola Treasure Hunt Triathlon Tug of War

#### U

Underwear Party Unwanted Gift Sale Ultimate Challenges (Skydive, Bungee Jump)

## V

Van Pull Variety Show Valentine Party Violin Concert Virtual Challenge Volleyball Tournament

## W

Walks Waxing Challenge Welly Throwing Competition Who's the Baby Competition Windsurfing Competition Wine Tasting

## X

Xylophone Concert Xmas Fair Xmas Drinks



## Y

Yacht Race Yes/No Competition Yodelling Competition Yoga Marathon YoYo Competition

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## **Fundraising support**

## If you choose to organise your own event for us, you don't have to do it alone. Our fundraising team can help you with:

- Sponsorship forms
- Posters, leaflets and tickets (all printed in-house to save you some money)
- Buckets
- Collection tins
- Volunteer Support
- T-shirts
- Balloons
- Cancer Focus NI pop-up stands
- Banners
- Napkins
- Stickers
- Cancer Focus NI Think Pink! materials (specifically for breast cancer awareness fundraising)
- Cancer Focus NI daffodil boxes with daffodil pins
- Cancer Focus NI information leaflets (on our services and different types of cancer)
- Promotion and media coverage for your event

If you would like to order any materials for your event contact: E: fundraising@cancerfocusni.org T: 028 9066 3281



# Maximising your fundraising money



#### JustGiving

These days it's so easy for people to give online so we'd recommend you set up a personalised fundraising page through JustGiving (**www.justgiving.com**). See a 'how to' step by step guide on page 9.

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This great charity initiative allows us to claim back an extra 25p from the Government for every £1 that you're sponsored. So instead of collecting £100, we'll be able to get £125 at no extra cost to you! It's such an easy way to increase your fundraising total. Just encourage your friends, family and colleagues to fill out their FULL name, address and post code, and tick the Gift Aid box on your sponsorship forms (if donating online, they'll be prompted to fill out their Gift Aid details automatically through JustGiving).

#### **Matched donations**

There are some employers out there that match fundraising money raised by their employee pound for pound! So when you're doing your fundraising, why not ask your employer if they will match the funds you raise?

#### Saying 'thank you'

We are very grateful to all our fundraisers, so when you raise some money for us, we'll send you a letter and/or certificate to thank you for being so kind! We would also encourage you to thank anyone that has helped or assisted with your fundraising event, and we can also help you with that. It takes very little to say thank you but means so much!

If you would like further information on how to maximise your fundraising total contact: **E: fundraising@cancerfocusni.org T: 028 9066 3281** 



# How to create a JustGiving <a> <br/> fundraising page</a>

Creating a JustGiving page online is one of the fastest, easiest and cleverest ways to raise money for Cancer Focus NI. By making a page and sharing it online, anyone from anywhere in the world can donate using a credit/debit card.

JustGiving sends your donations straight to us and automatically reclaims Gift Aid (see page 8) on our behalf so you won't have any hassle asking people for money. We receive donations almost immediately and JustGiving saves us a lot of administration time.

All you need to do is create a page and share the link with everyone you know (via email, facebook, twitter etc). You'll be able to see at a glance who has sponsored you and any comments they've added to spur you on.

#### How to create a page

- 1 Go to http://www.justgiving.com/cancerfocusni/Raisemoney and click 'Fundraise for us'
- 2 If you're fundraising for an organised event, select 'Taking part in an event' and choose your event. If you're fundraising in another way (doing your own thing / personal occasion / in memory), select the relevant button.
- 3 If you're new to JustGiving, enter your email address, fill in your details and choose a password. If you have an account, log in.
- 4 Choose a web address for your fundraising page and click 'create your page'
- **5** Go to your account and personalise your page with a message about what it is that you're doing and why. This will help people connect with you and encourage them to give. Include how much you hope to raise and add an image of yourself for a more personal touch. Make your page stand out, give people enough information about what you're doing to encourage them to give, but don't overload them.
- 6 A thank you message is already set up and is automatically sent to anyone who donates. Make sure you personalize this as people will appreciate it more.

#### Share your page

The more you tell people about your page, the more donations you'll attract.

- 1 Share the link to your fundraising page with all your friends and family (via email, facebook, twitter etc) and ask them to share it with everyone they know.
- 2 Keep sharing updates them on your progress remind them to donate if they haven't already and to send your page to their friends.

Let us know how your fundraising's going so we can share your news and good ideas with our other fundraisers. And remember, we're here to help you every step of the way so don't hesitate to get in touch:

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## Keep it safe and legal

While we want your fundraising efforts to be fun and successful, we want you to keep it safe and legal. We don't want you to accidently break any laws. Consider the below:

#### Health & Safety

If you are organising a large event, you need to check whether you need public liability insurance. If so, we can give you help and advice on how to put it in place. We would also recommend that you carry out a risk assessment on the route or venue that you are using for your event.

#### **Street collection permits**

You need to have a permit from the PSNI before holding a street collection. We will be able to give you advice on contacting your local PSNI and how to fill out the relevant forms.

For assistance with any of the above or if you have any other health and safety queries in relation to your event, contact your Community Fundraiser on: **E: fundraising@cancerfocusni.org T: 028 9066 3281** 





# The difference your money will make





Will pay for a cancer patient to attend one of our local support groups

Will pay for a home visit from our family support worker





Will pay for six bedside art therapy sessions for a child with cancer

Will enable a bereaved family to attend our group family support sessions for one year

Will enable us to provide transport to over 50 hospital appointments and treatment sessions for local patients





#### Thank you for helping us to make a real difference to the lives of local people.

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