

# Fundraising at Work

Raising money for a good cause at work is a great way to bring a team, department or whole organization together and have fun at the same time! Here are just some of the ways you could do it...



## **Dress down, loud tie or jeans day at work**

Everyone pays a donation to come to work in casual wear, loud tie or jeans. You could also provide some breakfast or snacks in the staff room, with food donated where possible. Charge double to those who don't enter into the spirit of things!

## **Job Swap**

Would you like to swap jobs with someone for a few hours? Perhaps you would like to see someone else doing your job for an afternoon? A job swap could raise money through sponsorship or by asking people to bid for the job they would like to do!

## **Auction of Leave**

Ask the management if they would be willing to grant the highest bidder an extra day's leave, then see who wants it most!



## **Go Home Early!**

Or ask the management if they would be willing for the person who raises the most money during the day to go home an hour early!

## **Hold a 'themed day'**

The theme could be a colour, an era, a television programme – anything at all really! Everyone has to dress up to do with the theme, the office could be decorated in the theme's style, and fundraising events could be held throughout the day, centring around this theme (e.g. a red confectionary sale, a 70's fancy dress competition, a TV programme quiz)

This has the advantage of raising awareness of the fundraising efforts throughout the workplace and gets as many people as possible involved.

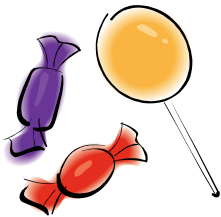
## **Raffle/Tombola**

Everyone could be asked each to bring in a prize of some sort and then tickets sold throughout the day/week. Ask your suppliers and contacts if they could donate a prize – some of them can be very generous in supporting charity efforts.

NB: If you're planning to organize your own raffle, check the rules with your local authority or the Gaming Board for Great Britain. And if you're arranging the event on private property, always ask permission from the owner.

## **Guess the baby competition**

Colleagues bring in photos of themselves as a baby. Number the photos and charge a small fee to enter the competition. Once you have entered, you receive a sheet with numbers on and have to write the name of the member of staff whose photo it is, next to the relevant number. Set a deadline and then mark all of the entries, giving a prize to the winner.



## **Guess the number of sweets**

Fill a jar with sweets and chocolates, making sure you count how many you are putting in. Take it round to each department/office and charge people a small fee to guess how many sweets there are. The closest guess by the end of the day/week wins the jar and its contents!

## **Treasure hunt**

Draw a grid over a map (of a real or invented place) and number all of the squares. Everyone pays for one or more squares on the grid and sticks a sticker with their name on it in the square(s). The location of the 'treasure' is decided beforehand and once all of the squares have been bought, the winning square is announced and the person who chose that square wins a prize.

## **Guess the teddy's name**

Everyone pays a small fee to enter the competition and then gets to put their name next to the name they think belongs to the teddy. Once all of the names have been bought, you announce the winner.



### **Coin trail**

Urge everyone to bring in and donate all of their loose change (a stash of pennies they keep at home, the change in their pocket) to make a trail of coins all around the office/building. At the end of the day, collect up all of the coins and count them.



### **The Smartie challenge**

Give each person in your office/department a tube of Smarties. They can then eat the chocolate and, once the tube is empty, must start collecting all of their 20ps in it. A full tube contains £15!



### **Lunchtime Quiz or Bingo!**

Why not run a bingo tournament or a quiz at lunchtime? Charge individuals or teams to enter and the winner could receive half the entry fee or some other prize.

### **Weekly or monthly lottery bonus ball**

Everyone pays £1 and chooses a number from 1-49 (only one person per number). The person whose number comes up as the bonus ball in the national lottery draw wins half of the takings and the remainder goes to charity.

### **Matched Funding**

Some larger organisations have a matched giving scheme, whereby they will match whatever their employees raise for a good cause – this could double your contribution!

