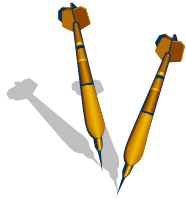


Fundraising in Your Community

Raising money for charity in your community is a great way to bring people together and have lots of fun whilst supporting a good cause. And there are loads of different ways you can do it! Here are just some of the things you can do to raise money for The Suzy Lamplugh Trust...

Do a sponsored something! (On your own or as a group!)

How about a...



- Bridge-playing marathon?
- Twelve-hour tag-team pool playing?
- Sing-a-thon?
- Dance-a-thon?
- Darts-a-thon?
- Golf-a-thon?
- Aerobics-a-thon?
- Cycle-a-thon?
- Anything-a-thon?!!



Or what about...



- a sponsored swim?
- a fun-run/walk?
- giving something up for a month?
- shaving off your beard?
- having your legs waxed?
- having something else waxed?!
- shaving your head?



Put on a Fundraising Event!

You can raise lots of funds from a successful event, and get as many people as possible involved in the action. Below are a few ideas to whet your appetite...but let your imagination run free!

Pub quiz

It is often possible to obtain an upstairs room with bar free of charge if you are able to guarantee reasonable numbers. Get people (friends, regulars, whoever!) to make up teams of 4 or 5 and ask each participant to pay £5. You can pay an experienced pub quizmaster from the proceeds or get an outgoing member of the community to do it for free!

Car boot sale

Everyone has things they don't want. Organise a car boot sale in a local carpark, field or school playing fields and ask everyone you know to bring a carload of goodies to sell!



Themed Party in night club

Some night-clubs will allow you to use their venue for free in the early evening. You guarantee them some extra business at the bar, and your guests pay you rather than the night-club for entry. Get everyone to dress up in 60s/70s/80s gear and ask the DJ for some cheesy tunes!

Fancy dress pub crawl

Obtain permission to make collections on a particular night. Get together with a few friends and take details of the charity's work and proof of your involvement in the event. Use something eye-catching to collect in. But make sure you stay safe!

Organise your own raffle

Be bold and ask for a few impressive prizes: local companies/shops/salons etc. might be prepared to offer something. Maybe combine it with a forthcoming event.

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.

Cheese and Wine Evening

Ask around and see if any local church or community venues are available for free for charity events. You could ask people to bring their favourite wine and favourite cheese along to share and charge for entry or just hold raffles or a tombola on the day to raise money.



Coffee Morning/Tea Party

Hold it at your home or in a local venue to allow for bigger numbers. Everyone brings along some treats to share and pays a donation.



Horse racing night

This is great fun. You can hire the pre-programmed video equipment (which shows various horse races) and get people to bet on horses. If you charge an entry fee as well, this can cover the hire cost and maybe some snacks – people bring their own drinks.

Karaoke evening

Everybody loves to get up and sing, so ask your local pub if you can put on a karaoke competition, with entry fees going to the charity.



Skittles night

See if your local pub has a couple of sets of skittles you can borrow. Hold a competition with a donated gift as the prize and charge an entry fee per team. Maybe members of the community can provide some refreshments.

Auction

Hold an auction of people's services or items which people are willing to donate – local shops and businesses might be willing to give a lot or two!



Put on a play

Are there some closet thespians among you? Or would your local Amateur Dramatics group be willing to donate the proceeds of their next production?

Hold a themed party – the theme could be a colour, a television programme, favourite characters from books – anything at all really! Everyone has to dress up to do with the theme, the venue could be decorated in the theme's style, and various fundraising events could be held, centring around this theme (e.g. a red confectionary sale, a TV programme quiz, a fancy dress competition...)

Organise a fete

Big events like this are a great way to involve large numbers of people and raise large sums of money. On the day you can hold numerous smaller events and competitions to add to the funds raised: take your pick from the following...

- **Guess the number of sweets in the jar**
- **Treasure hunt** – find/design a map and draw a grid over it. Number the squares and decide which one hides the treasure. Ask people to pay a small fee to guess where it is and the winner receives a prize!
- **Guess the teddy's name**
- **Guess the baby photo**
- **Coin trail** – everyone adds their small change to a trail running right around the venue: see how long you can make it!