

FUNDRAISING HANDBOOK

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You're wonderful

Fundraising for a charity you love is a fantastic way to 'give back' and holding your own event or challenge is particularly rewarding, it makes you feel simply wonderful. Which you are!

To help plan and organise your own fundraising activity, we have developed some guidance to help you along the way. If at any point you would like to talk to someone about fundraising, please contact sarah.grimes@smartcjs.org.uk.



We can provide you with collection tins/buckets, stickers, a poster, leaflets about SMART and our logo should you require them. Please contact us and we will organise this for you. If your event involves sponsorship, then please use our website to set up a donations page. Click this link: https://smartcjs.enthuse.com/profile then click 'fundraise for us' and the rest is pretty straightforward. Please contact us if you need any help with this.



SOCIAL



You like to stay active.

From running to yoga,
we have loads of sporty
ideas for you on page 4.



You like anything that keeps the cogs turning. Take a look at page 7 for some thinking activities

You're a real people-person. You love bringing everyone

You love bringing everyone together. Check out page 3 for some social ideas



You're a true artiste.
Check out page 6 for lots
of crafty ideas. We can't
wait to see what you make



You're happiest cooking up a storm. Check out page 5 for some gastronomic fundraising ideas.



Like to be social? Like going to or organising events? then this one is for you!!

Music events or quiz nights are a great way to get people to come together and the money raised can come from ticket sales. Get people to volunteer to sing, dance or host your event. Here are some of our ideas for social events you could host.



- Find a venue. We can give you a letter you can send to your church, school or pub.
- Share your event online and use a platform like Eventbrite to sell tickets.
- Ask mates to help out and sell tickets. They could even work the door on the night.
- To encourage donations, share stories on the night about our work.



Like to be active? the idea of raising money whilst you're doing something you love? Then this one is for you!!

From fun runs to marathons, jumping out of planes to snowboarding, all these activities can be sponsored. You can even register for some local events, and we will give you one of our shirts to go in. Here are some of our ideas for fundraising as an Athlete.

Golf days Half marathon gardening Aerobics-a-thon Swim-a-thon Darts night **Abseiling Cycling** Wing walking Keep fit-a-thon Football match Bounce-a-thon Sky dive **Netball tournament** Dog walking Egg and spoon race Odd jobs for the Neighbour **Running challenge** Dance challenge Line dancing Rowing challenge **Rock climbing challenge** Garden party Rugby game Iron man challenge **Ultra** marathon Zumba-a-thon **Rounders match** Obstacle course It's a knock out Kite flying Trekking challenge Yoga-a-thon **Hula hooping** Spinning challenge Late night walk Wall climbing challenge Tug of war **Full marathon**

TOP TIPS

- Get friends to join you on the challenge. They can set up their own fundraising page and add what they raise to your total.
- Spread the word: emails, texts and social media posts are a great way to promote your fundraising.
- Why not connect your donation page with fitness app Strava? Then you can share your runs and encourage donations.
- Set up a playlist on Spotify and ask friends to nominate a song for a donation.



Like to be cooking? Maybe baking is your thing? then this one is for you!!

From online cooking events to bake off with friends, bake sales to coffee mornings this one is for the food lover or the feeder. Here are some of our fundraising ideas for our foodies.



- Holding a dinner party or food sale? Ask your guests to donate what they would have spent in a restaurant or café.
- Use your networks: some people might prefer to help cook or bring baked goods to sell, others may prefer to donate.
- Be safe. Research food hygiene and ask people about allergies in advance.
- Make it a competition ask people to bake the best cake to win.

Like making things? Raise funds from teaching others? then this one is for you!!

From online maker events to fundraising classes, craft sales to online stores this one is for the makers among us. Here are some of our fundraising ideas for our creators.

Online sales Variety show Virtual workshop Hair braiding Arts and crafts fair **Painting sale** Floral contest **Exhibition Jewelry making Face painting** Auction **Fashion show Biggest knit competition** Lego making challenge Craft classes **Fancy dress** Knit-a-thon Talent show Plant sale **Grow your own contest Ouilt making** Vintage themed fundraiser Raffle

- Start a knit or craft class in your lunch hour. Ask colleagues to donate to take part.
- · Why not host virtual workshops or events on Twitch or Zoom?

TOP TIPS

- Make it a regular thing hold monthly sessions for a donation each time.
- You could organise an auction, raffle or sale for your creations.
- Friend's birthday soon? Why not make their gift and donate what you save.



Like to test the mind? Raise funds whilst completing something fun? then this one is for you!!

From creating an escape room event to fun brain teasers, puzzle sales to online games this one is for the brains among us. Here are some of our ideas for brain testing fundraisers.



- Planning a gaming tournament? Decide if it's a marathon or once-a-month thing.
- Use platforms like Facebook, Discord or TikTok for your book club chats.
- · Live stream games and get people to donate.
- Ask everyone to donate to take part in a board game evening or jigsaw puzzle race.
- Think about what your friends like to do and use that as inspiration.

Planning your event

Ensure that at all times the money you have raised is safe!

Whatever it is that you end up doing, please always keep the money in a safe place. Whilst it is unlikely that anyone would take it, it is better to be safe than sorry.

Don't be too ambitious,

nor leave lots do to at the very last minute or you'll end up being really stressed out and it won't be fun anymore. Give yourself plenty of time to get everything ready.

TOP TIPS

Important things to remember – This is supposed to be fun, as well as raising money for a good cause, remember that by helping others you are also helping yourself. Don't try and do so much that you end up stressed, this is an opportunity to do something that will make you feel good from the inside out, whilst also helping others to feel good.



Find someone to help you! Organising events is always easier if you have someone to share the work-load with. Ideal helpers are people who maybe have spare time that they would like to fill, such as students and grandparents.





TOP TIPS

There are a number of ways you can send SMART the funds you have raised. In each instance, please ensure that you have either added some kind of reference to link the funds to you or email us and let us know so that we know where the funds have come from and who to thank.

- 1. If you have created a fundraising page via https://smartcjs.enthuse.com/profile, then there's nothing more to do!
- 2. Transfer the money to us via the internet or telephone (BACS). If you contact us at sarah.grimes@smartcjs.org.uk we will send you our bank details and you can simply transfer the funds to us.
- 3. You can also pay in any cash or cheques at your local bank. Contact us and we will provide our bank details.
- 4. You can also donate the funds via our website. Go to https://smartcjs.enthuse.com/cp/4f5b0/Fundraiser#!/.

Please do try to bank the funds fairly quickly, and let your attendees know how much they have raised. People love to know what they have helped to achieve, and we would really like to thank you via social media for your wonderful fundraising efforts! 9



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Planning

Name of my activity:	
Time and date of my activity:	
Location:	
Location / venue contact details:	
Licence details (if needed):	
Who's helping me + their tasks:	
Items I need for the day:	
Food / drink I need for the day:	
Fundraising target:	





Help me to reach my target of

Sponsorship form

We are a charity that help people to help themselves.

Our vision is to transform our communities so that every person has the opportunity to achieve their fullest potential, participate in and contribute to all aspects of life. We do this by providing safe spaces to work with vulnerable people, empowering them to make positive changes and take control of their lives. We work with professional partners to help prevent homelessness. We work alongside people that are currently experiencing homelessness. And we support people that were formally homeless to move into suitable accommodation and maintain their tenancy. Together we help people reach and maintain positive change for the long term

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