

FUNDRAISING

AT WORK:

Engaging your colleagues and friends at work is a great way of fundraising and building relationships at the same time! Reach out and raise some funds!

Wages Donation: Contribute one hour or one day's wages and encourage others in your company to do the same. Some companies run schemes which allow you to donate a set amount, tax free, each month to a selected charity.

BBQ: Hold a lunchtime or evening barbecue on the company grounds and sell tickets in advance. Ask local suppliers to donate food.

Car wash: Organise a car wash in the company car park and wash cars for a fee or donation.

Fast: Go without food for a day and ask colleagues to sponsor you.

Party premium: Add a €5 donation per person to the cost of your office party.

AT HOME:

Food is a great way to bring people together. Get creative and get cooking!

Cheese and Wine Evening: If possible, get local suppliers to provide some of the cheese and wine. Sell tickets in advance and donate proceeds. If you're enthusiastic and knowledgeable, each table could have a theme e.g. a particular wine-growing or cheese-producing region.

Cookery demonstration: Ask a well known chef to put on a demonstration. People will gladly pay for this – it's always a great fundraiser.

Food tasting: Ask a restaurant or supermarket to host a food tasting day/night. Charge entry fee to taste any dish or dishes – you promote it and sell tickets. The owner wins by bringing in new customers who may never have tried their particular type of food. Foreign food would be ideal because people may be very keen to try out new dishes without the risk of buying a full meal they may not like.

Garden Party: Invite friends and colleagues to an afternoon reception with refreshments, asking them to make a donation.

Coffee Morning: Why not host a coffee morning for your neighbours and friends and have Spirit Radio come along! See here for more details on our National Coffee Morning hosted by Spirit Radio ([link to Event](#)) This can be combined with a book sale or other event.



AT CHURCH/IN YOUR COMMUNITY:

There are lots of fun ways you can get your church or community involved in an event.

Tearfund Sunday in your local church Organise in conjunction with your leadership a lunch and donate to Tearfund.

Bag Packing in your local Supermarkets is a great way to get involved with the community and meet people.

BBQ: Hold a lunchtime or evening barbecue and sell tickets in advance. Local suppliers may donate food.

Coffee Morning: Invite friends and neighbours to a cakes and coffee morning. This can be combined with a book sale or other event. (Link to National coffee morning)

Bowling night: Hold a Charity Challenge Night.

Carol singing: Gather together a reasonably tuneful choir and collect in shopping centres and other public places at Christmas. Please remember this requires permission from local Gardai.

Celebrity Walks: Persuade a celebrity (a local one is fine) to walk a set distance with a group and get people to sponsor them.

Fashion Show: Organise a fashion show with clothes donated or loaned by local shops and stores.

Five-a-side: Charge an entry fee per team and run a tournament or league.

Flower arranging: Can be very popular at certain times of the year.

Goods & Services Auction: Ask local businesses or individuals to donate a service (e.g. a free haircut, piano lessons, etc) or some goods (e.g. gift vouchers, meals, trips, concert or sports tickets, golf green fees, etc). These goods and services can be raffled or auctioned off to the highest bidder at a special evening or combined with any event. The key to a successful live auction is to have a good auctioneer, preferably one willing to donate their services.

Jumble sale: Have separate stalls for different types of items such as ladies' clothing, men's clothing, toys, books and bric-a-brac. Have fixed prices for each type of item or price them individually. Advertise in advance and charge an entrance fee. You may wish to sell drinks and sandwiches as well.



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