

# A TO Z OF FUNDRAISING IDEAS

A simple A to Z of ideas... all of which are tried and tested by Tearfund Ireland around the world!



**A** – How much unwanted stuff do you and your friends have? You could have a clear-out and sell items on **auction** sites like eBay, then donate the proceeds to Tearfund Ireland.

**B** – Get on your **bike**... for a sponsored cycle!

**C** – Serve **cream teas**! Top tip from our fundraisers: open up your church on Sunday afternoons to serve scrumptious scones.

**D** – Invite friends for a fundraising **dinner**. You could cook up a lovely meal, play one of our video between courses, and then simply ask for donations at the end.

**E** – Next **Eurovision** song contest night, why not hold a themed party? Have fun and cheer for the country of your choice, with everyone making a donation to attend. Top tip from our fundraisers: turn on the subtitles - it only adds to the fun!

**F** – **Fast** for 24 hours and get people to sponsor you for your efforts. It will also raise awareness of those regularly going to bed hungry.

**G** – Do you play the **guitar** (or any other instrument, for that matter)? Organise a recital or gig, and charge people an entrance fee with proceeds going to Tearfund Ireland.

**H** – Shave your **head**, a particularly big fundraiser when someone goes from having lovely flowing locks to near (or total) baldness!

**I** – **Italian** food is always a winner! Why not hold an Italian dinner party, asking people for a donation in return?

**J** – Host a **jazz** evening (or a jive or jitterbug evening if you prefer!). You can raise bucket loads of money and enjoy brilliant music at the same time!

**K** – Run **kite-making** workshops in your church, charging people to take part. It's a creative way of getting all ages together to fundraise. Top tip from our fundraisers: go and fly your kites together afterwards.

**L** – What could you give up this **Lent**? Donate the money you saved from giving up chocolate or whatever it is, and you could even top up the pennies by getting people to sponsor you.

**M** – There's nothing like completing a **marathon**, and the hard work is even more fulfilling when you know that all your efforts are going to help others. Why not walk, jog or run the VHI Mini Marathon or the Dublin Marathon this year and raise funds for Tearfund Ireland.

**N** – Hold a **nearly new** sale. Find those dust-collectors and forgotten items, gather together friends and friends-of-friends, and sell your nearly new things to each other to help people in poor communities.

**O** – Hold an **open air** event in your garden or church grounds, and charge neighbours and friends to come along. Top tip from our fundraisers: garden parties work well.

**P** – Let's be honest, you get them every year, so why not give up **presents** this time around and get your friends and family to give to Tearfund Ireland instead?

**Q** – **Quiz** evenings can be fun for all ages! Top tip from our fundraisers: why not hold an 'Are you smarter than a 10 year old?' event. The questions were set by the children, and the adults had to prove they were smarter! You can charge the teams to play and be guaranteed everyone will have fun.

**R** – **Recycle** your old mobile phone/camera/Sat Nav/ink cartridges/mp3 player and so on. Many places will give you cash back for trading in these items and as a result you can then send some money to Tearfund Ireland.

**S** – Make a splash and do a **sponsored swim** for Tearfund Ireland. You could swim the equivalent of the River Shannon over a number of weeks at your local swimming pool.

**T** – Have you got a **talent**? Perhaps you're a singer or a mean curry chef, or you just love to bake cakes. Whatever you do, there's a chance it can be used to help others.

**U** – Take on a sponsored **University challenge**: compete against other students to see how far they could travel free of charge. Why not think of your own university challenge?

**V** – It's the date you either love or hate: **Valentine's Day**. Think about sharing the love in a different way this year – instead of buying cards or presents for your beloved, give the money to Tearfund Ireland.

**W** – This is for the adults, and it's always popular! Have a **wine-tasting** evening where people pay to attend. Top tip from our fundraisers: ask everyone to bring a bottle to save you having to buy all the wine.

**X** – **X-factor** frenzy has seized much of Ireland and the UK. Why not host an X-factor party and charge people to attend? If you know someone who really has got the X-factor, ask them to share their talent for Tearfund Ireland!

**Y** – Events for **young mums** are always fun. Top tip from our fundraisers: one group decided to meet regularly for tea and cake, and give a donation to Tearfund Ireland each time.

**Z** – Why not kick-start healthy lifestyles by hosting a **zest for life lunch**? Serve up lots of tasty and healthy foods to share with friends, and charge an entrance fee. You'll go away feeling full of goodness!

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