

SOCIAL BITE'S

A-Z

OF FUNDRAISING



Whether you're into action and adventure, socialising and learning new skills or just love being creative, there are many different ways to raise funds and awareness in support of Social Bite.

Here's a handy A-Z guide to get you started...



A IS FOR AUCTION

Hold an auction event in your place of work or local community and ask local businesses to donate prizes. Alternatively you can make it a silent auction asking people to bid for the prize. The highest bidder wins.

B IS FOR BAKE SALE

Bake sales are a fun way of socialising with friends, family and colleagues while learning new skills. Hold a bake sale at work or in your local community and ask people to 'pay what they feel' to eat the goods.



C

IS FOR COME LUNCH WITH ME

Get 4 groups of 4 to compete, with everyone putting in £10 and bringing in a fancy packed lunch. The winner from each group of 4 then plays in a grand Friday final. You could make the competition more fun by adding a prize for the winner, other than donning the title of Office Chef!

D IS FOR DARTS TOURNAMENT

Get a group of friends or colleagues together for a night of darts; £1 to enter the competition, £1 to take your shot, £1 if you miss the board entirely. Loser gets the round in! (drink responsibly).

E IS FOR ECO FINES

Reduce your carbon emissions by introducing Eco fines in your place of work or home. Set a minimum fine for: not recycling, leaving a monitor screen light on, boiling a full kettle, printing paper and leaving it by the printer... the list could go on.

F IS FOR **FIVE A SIDE**

Get a few teams together and play Five a Side football. Ask for a minimum donation to play and the losing team has to double their donation!

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G IS FOR **GUESS WHO**

Ask your colleagues to bring in a photo of them as a baby or toddler and pin it up on the wall. Set a minimum donation to guess the baby - £1 to enter, £10 to not enter. Person to correctly guess the most colleagues wins a prize!

H IS FOR **PLAY HOST**

Invite your friends and family to an event held by you. This could be a games night in your own home or at your place of work. Or theme it around a recognised celebration such as bonfire night or Thanks Giving and ask for people to pay what they feel at the end of the night.

I IS FOR **INTERNATIONAL LUNCH**

Fill your boardroom with tastes from around the world. Invite staff to cook and bring in speciality meals. Pay £2.50 to join and enjoy lunch.



J IS FOR **JEANS DAY**

Do a dress down day at your place of work and ask everyone to make a minimum donation to take part. You could also do a sweepstake for how many people turn up wearing Jeans or any other popular item of clothing.

K IS FOR **KARAOKE NIGHT**

Love it or hate it, its fun and a great way to raise money. Host in the office on a Friday afternoon, borrow a Karaoke machine and pay to sing your song or pay to get someone singing!

M IS FOR **MARATHON EVENTS**

This doesn't have to be the athletic type, it can be an event or hobby of your choice, just be sure to make it last 26 miles or 26 hours!

L IS FOR **LEGO DAY**

A challenge to see who can build the biggest structure in a set time frame - be sponsored within your teams and pick a theme for the build.

N IS FOR NO **TO PLASTIC!**

Get sponsored to go a week or month without using plastic. It's hard, but your efforts will not only raise you money, it will help the environment in a big way too, especially if you inspire your friends to do the same.

O IS FOR **OBSTACLE COURSE**

Go big and sign up to some of the UKs toughest obstacle courses or Go home and make your own course in the garden or house to complete with friends in the fastest time.

P IS FOR PRESS-UP CHALLENGE

Charge a minimum fee to enter the challenge and see who can do the most press-ups in a set time frame, or who can go the longest! Ask spectators to place bets on the winner.

Q IS FOR QUIZ NIGHT

Select your favourite theme or topic (for example, Harry Potter, Disney, films – or go general trivia) and ask people to donate to register a team/table and have donation buckets available on the night too!

R IS FOR RAFFLES

Ask for gifts from colleagues, friends, families and local businesses. Then get selling raffle tickets individually or by the strip and set a date for the big draw. The more unique and unusual, the better!

S IS FOR SWEAR JAR

One for the office or at home. Every time someone swears they have to donate 50p or a £1. Or if you're feeling extremely adventurous you might consider a SPONSORED SKYDIVE although you would need to cover the costs of this yourself.



T IS FOR TREASURE HUNT

A fantastic way to involve the family. Go big and use a local park for the day, create maps and hide clues around the park and have families and couples donate to get the map and to start the hunt! Make sure it's challenging enough to keep children and adults engaged. You could give small prizes for those that finish such as sweets and then have bigger prizes for those that uncover all the clues in the fastest time.

U IS FOR **UPCYCLE**

Get creative with your old furniture and upcycle any unwanted goods. You could auction it off among friends or sell it on any free-to-use platforms such as Gumtree or Ebay. Donate your profits to meet your fundraising targets.

X IS FOR **XMAS CRAFTS**

Why not make your own homemade Xmas crafts and sell them on free-to-use platforms such as Gumtree or Ebay. Or replace your Secret Santa gifts at work and ask for donations for your crafts.

V IS FOR **VOLUNTEERING**

Volunteering is a great way to be sociable and helpful to others. Have a skill you're good at? Offer your time for free and ask for donations in return; whether it's packing bags at your nearby supermarket or walking your neighbour's dog!

Y IS FOR **YOGA**

Yoga focuses on strength, flexibility and breathing to boost physical and mental wellbeing. Why not take up Yoga as a hobby and get sponsored for learning new Yoga Poses or meditation tricks? Or take on the heat with Bikram, better known as Hot Yoga!

W IS FOR **WALKS**

Sponsored Walks are a great way of socialising with friends while keeping active. There are many set routes in Scotland including the Fife Coastal path, West Highland Way or Edinburgh's water of Leith! Get sponsored and have fun.

Z IS FOR **ZEN**



Find your zen by devoting a day to doing only peaceful things and resting the body and mind – which may also mean leaving your phone behind! Alternatively host a pamper day at your home, invite friends and ask for donations to take part.