

A-Z List of Fundraising ideas

A

Aerobics-athon

One for the New Year! Organise an aerobics-athon to kick-start that resolution to be healthy and feel good about supporting us.

Arts and crafts fair

Put your creative talents into action and sell your decorated biscuits, knits and jams at a fair or car boot sale.

Auction

Organise your own fundraising auction. Hold a 'helpful elves' auction and let people bid to get a helping hand for the day, or donate a percentage of the funds raised from selling your unwanted Christmas gifts.

B

Babysitting

Give your friends with kids the night off to go out and donate your babysitting pay to Young Bristol

Bad jumper day

Do your worst by wearing the most cringe-worthy jumper you can find. Get your friends, family and colleagues to wear a silly sweater too and donate to Young Bristol for the 'privilege'!

Bag packing at local supermarket

Ask your local supermarket if you can hold a bag packing day for Young Bristol. This is a great way to provide a service to the local community while supporting us too. Get in touch with the Young Bristol office to order fundraising collection tins.

Bake off!

Get your friends, colleagues, parish or group to bake cakes, biscuits and pies. Sell what's left after the judges have done their tasting and you could even auction the winning entries!

Battle of the bands

Challenge those budding musicians to a festive battle of the bands and put on a concert to raise money. You could also raise money with a "pay to leave" policy.

Beat the goalie

Challenge your friends to a beat the goalie competition. Give things a twist by having the goalie wear fancy dress and make sure they pay to play.

Bike ride

Arrange a sponsored bike ride. Set up a sponsorship page for Young Bristol on JustGiving or contact the Young Bristol Office for a sponsorship form.

Bingo

Search online for fun bingo squares and organise a bingo fundraising event! Charge a fee per game.

Bring and buy sale

Sell donated goods on a stall.

C

Cake sales

Cake sales are a great way to raise money and everyone loves an indulgent treat.

Coffee morning

You could combine a fundraising coffee morning with a bring and buy sale.

Car wash

If you can brave the cold, charge your teachers, friends and family to wash their cars.

Chocolate ban

Giving up chocolate for a day, a week or a month

Collections

A really easy fundraising activity is to put empty jam jars to good use and turn small change into a big difference.

Competitions

Hold a 'guess who the baby in the picture is' competition, fill a jar with sweets for a 'guess the number' competition or ask people to guess the name of a cuddly toy.

Concert

Gather all the talented people you know under one roof and put on a concert for friends and family. Sing songs, put on a play and include any other talents that you can think of!

Cook up a storm

If you're a budding Master Chef, cook up dinner for your friends and family. You can create a Sunday roast, a pasta extravaganza or a cracking curry - just make sure your guests give a donation to eat their feast!

Coppers for Young Bristol

Collect all those unwanted coppers that weigh down your pockets – small change can make a big difference.

D

Dancing

Put on those dancing shoes and disco the night away to your favourite tracks. Remember to charge an entry fee. Or go further and dance all day in a sponsored dance-athon.

Delivery driver

Offer to deliver local post, be a taxi for your friends or help pick up relatives and ask for a donation in return. Simple!

Desk based fundraising

Take cakes or coffees desk to desk in your office, ask everyone to enter a seasonal sweepstake in person, or just use your computer to set up a JustGiving page!

Doughnut sale

Delight all your friends with a delicious doughnut sale. Shops like Krispy Kreme let you buy their doughnuts at special low prices so that you can sell them on for a fundraising profit!

Dress down day

It's not the most unique way to fundraise for charity but the tried and tested dress down day, own clothes day or mufti day is always a hit with school students. It can work in your workplace too!

E

Eating doughnuts

Challenge your friends to a doughnut eating competition- either how many mini doughnuts you can eat in a minute, or who can eat a doughnut without licking their lips?

EBay

Do good with those unwanted Christmas gifts by donating a percentage of the funds you raise selling them on EBay.

Eco day

Help the environment *and* raise money! Dress in green and do good deeds for the day, like litter picking and recycling your rubbish. Remember to get sponsored for all the activities you do.

Egg and spoon race

Race your friends and family. No cheating now!

Enterprise Days

Put on your Apprentice heads and come up with the best marketing idea! Create and sell a product you have designed.

F

Face painting competition

Put your artistic talents to good use and paint people's faces. Remember to charge for your works of face painting art.

Fancy dress

Have a theme for your dressing up day- everyone can make a donation to come to school or work as a superhero, a character beginning with a certain letter of the alphabet, or even animals!

Fashion show

Go crazy with fashion ideas and create a zany masterpiece to wear for the day. Prizes for the most outrageous and colourful costumes.

Film night

Create your own cinema and put on your favourite films for family and friends. Whether you're watching the latest pixar animation or a classic action flick, sell popcorn and drinks and charge an entry fee.

Five a side football

Challenge your colleagues, mates or your teachers to a five a side tournament as part of a football fundraiser. Dress both teams in fancy dress and everyone pays to play.

Fun run

A really popular fundraising idea - dust off your running shoes, add a green tutu and run for fun.

G

Games: scrabble, chess, trivial pursuits etc

Have a marathon board game tournament! Either pay to play or get sponsored.

Give it up!

Get sponsored to go without something. Give up speaking for a day, computer games for a week, chocolate for a fortnight, or give up magazines for the whole of 2018! Donate the money you save, or set up a sponsorship page for Young Bristol on JustGiving.

Guess the number of ...(balloons in a car, sweets in a jar)

Have a lot of fun challenging your friends to guess the quantity in the jar or car.

Guess the weight or name of...

Quiz your friends on the weight of the Christmas cake or the name of a teddy bear – 50p a guess.

H

Helpful fairies

Be the washing up or laundry 'fairy' for your colleagues, friends and family. All for a donation of course!

Hula hoop Contest

How many times can you spin the hula hoop? Organise a hula hoopathon- a fantastic fundraiser all year round! Don't forget to get sponsored by the spin, or the length of time you keep the hoop going.

Hair styling, braiding and plaiting

Put your creative talents to good use and act as hairdresser for your friends in return for a donation to Young Bristol

I

Icy dip

Get sponsored to take an icy dip in the sea this winter. Make sure you have a towel and warm clothes ready for when you get out!

Ice cream social

Who cares that it's winter? Get the classic flavours of strawberry, chocolate and vanilla and don't scrimp on the toppings! This cross between a DIY ice cream parlour and a party is a yummy fundraising idea.

Indoor games

Organise an indoor Olympics. Rain won't stop play and you'll have fun challenging your friends and raising money for us too.

International evening

Hold a themed international night and decorate your hall with flags from across the globe for an interesting fundraising event. Search for recipes from around the world and charge an entry fee. Why not also hold a fundraising quiz and test your friends' geographical knowledge?

It's a Knockout

Organise an It's a Knockout competition. Either make it a sponsored event or pay to play.

J

Jewellery making/selling

Put your creative jewellery making skills to good use and sell your creations as perfect presents!

Joke-athon

Have your friends in stitches with a joke-athon. How long can you keep your friends laughing? If the jokes are really bad, make them pay a fee to leave.

Jumble sales

One girl's old party dress is another's treasure! Hold a swishing party or an old-fashioned jumble sale so that everyone can find a new outfit. All profits to Young Bristol please!

K

Karaoke

Impress your friends with your singing ability – try out your favourite tunes, rock songs and ballads. Pay per song.

Kite flying

When a chilly wind blows, why not get those kites into the air? The kite that stays up the longest wins. You could even design your own kites and get sponsored too.

Knitting competition

How long is that scarf? Challenge your friends to a knit-off. Sell or auction your woollies afterwards too.

L

Lego making competition

Gather together all the Lego people got for Christmas and challenge your friends and family to get creative! Who can make the most recognisable landmark, or biggest building? Pay to take part!

Line of coins

A simple fundraiser that everyone can join in with - bring in a coin for each day of the month and see how long you can make your coin collection before you donate it.

Litter picking

Brave the cold and get yourselves sponsored on a mass litter pick afternoon to look after the local environment too.

M

Mile of coins

Set yourself the mile challenge - what is the longest distance you can reach with a line of coins during January? (Bronze, silver and gold categories)

Mini Olympics

Test those budding Olympians and hold a mini Olympics fundraiser event. Try adapting winter sports like ice hockey or curling! Pay to play.

Movie night

Put on your favourite films, cook some popcorn and invite your friends over for a magical movie night! Make sure you collect donations towards your evening of entertainment.

N

Name the teddy

Charge your mates to come up with the most interesting suggestion for a cuddly toy. You could raffle the teddy at the end too.

Nearly new sale

Need a new outfit on a budget? Only worn something once? Why not sell or swap your unwanted things with your friends? Pay £2 for each item you take.

Netball tournament

Challenge your friends, teachers or parish to a netball tournament. To add to the fun, why not play your matches in fancy dress too?

New Year's resolutions

Resolve to give up chocolate, alcohol, magazines - even just for January - and give the money you save to Young Bristol!

Nominate a colleague or teacher – to have their legs, beard or head shaved.

Challenge a teacher or youth leader to have a shave or wax for a good cause. Remember that they should get sponsorship for Young Bristol too, or charge people a fee to watch it happen.

O

Old clothes

Swap your old dresses and tops with your friends at a swishing party and get a whole new outfit! Ask everyone to bring something they don't wear anymore and pay £2 for each garment you take away.

Odd job day

Charge a fee for all those odd jobs around the house that need doing in the new year. You could offer to spring clean, babysit children or cook!

P

Pancake breakfast

Hold a pancake breakfast before a big day out. You could even add on a pancake race for fun- make sure you remember to collect those donations to Young Bristol as well.

Penalty shoot out

Show off your skills in a sponsored shoot out as part of a football fundraiser. Put the goalie in fancy dress to make their job harder!

Photo shoot

If you're a budding photographer, charge your family, friends and colleagues for photo shoots so that they can make their own cards or calendars.

Plant sale

For those with green fingers, sell your produce in a plant sale fundraising event.

Poetry reading

Organise a poetry recital and invite your friends and family. You could also set yourself the challenge of reciting your poem from memory. £1 per line – the longer the poem the more you raise.

Q

Queuing

Get paid to queue for gig tickets or even at the post office! Let somebody off a stressful task but make sure you ask for a donation in return.

Quiet in the classroom/ office - sponsored silence

Make your colleague, teacher or parents happy by remaining quiet for a few hours, or even a whole day, with this popular fundraising activity. Remember to get sponsored too!

Quizzes

Create your own quiz to test your friends' knowledge. Hold a quiz night and raise money for us by charging per entrant.

R

Raffles

Get friends and family or local businesses to donate prizes towards hampers and then raffle them off to raise funds. Great on its own but this also works well as an extra idea at any fundraising event.

Read-athon

How many books can you read during 2018? Get sponsored per book.

Rounders and rugby

Challenge your colleagues, friends and teachers to a rounders or rugby match, or both! Remember it is pay to play.

S

Save your pennies

Donate the money you save from giving up caffeine, sweets or booze in January to Young Bristol! You could even ask for sponsorship to keep you away from your bad habits

Soak the boss/ teacher

See if you can convince your bosses, teachers or youth leaders to get in the stocks and get wet! One to do indoors at the moment! Get people to pay per sponge.

Sponsorship ideas and sponsored events

Any fundraising event can have a sponsorship element – it's a great way of collecting your money. You can get sponsored for a fun run, a open water swim, anything! Just don't forget your Young Bristol sponsorship page.

St Patrick's Day fundraiser

Sell Irish coffees, Guinness cake, green tea and anything else you can think of for a perfect St Paddy's day fundraiser!

Swim-athon

Swim the distance for Young Bristol. Get sponsored per length... or per mile! You could even go for an open water challenge.

T

Talent contest

Hold a contest to showcase the talents of your friends and family! Organise a collection or charge at the door for entry.

Taxi!

If you drive, provide a taxi service for your friends so that they don't have to worry about their trip home after the pub. The meter money and any tips(!) can be donated to Young Bristol.

Three legged race

Team up with a friend and challenge other pairs to a three legged race. To make it more fun, why not do it in fancy dress too? Each team pays to play.

Tombola

Get friends and family to donate gifts and organise a tombola. Only numbers ending in 0 or 5 will win a prize! Like a raffle, adding a tombola to your fundraising event is a really easy way to make money for charity.

Treasure hunt

Create a treasure hunt, with clues and challenges and see which of your friends can find the treasure. Link the clues to a theme and hide a box full of booty! Pay to play.

Twenty four hour fast

How long do you usually go without eating? Why not give up something you really enjoy for 24 hours after the over-indulgence of Christmas? Get sponsored for Young Bristol too.

U

Ugly faces

Give a twist to an old-fashioned gurning competition. Give a prize for the most outrageous face and make sure you get photographic evidence! Each entrant pays to play.

Uniform free day

Ditch the uniform in favour of fancy dress for a fee. You could also choose a theme and give a prize to the best dressed!

Upcycling

Create sock puppets, craft keyholders or cook candles! Go online for inspiration, get crafty and sell your creations for Young Bristol.

V

Very easy fundraising

The simplest fundraising idea has to be a non-uniform or dress down day. Ask everyone to pay £1 to dress as a character from TV, literature or history instead of their usual clothes. The perfect, easy fundraising event for work or school.

W

Walk for Young Bristol

Plan a walk and get sponsored or take a flask and charge for coffees.

Welly wanging competition

Put your shot put skills to the test and see how far those wellies will go. Charge for entry and split the funds between the winning welly wanger and Young Bristol.

Wine and cheese evening

Ask everyone to bring a bottle and provide the biggest variety of cheese you can. Charge your guests per plate or per cracker!

Wordplay

Charades is a traditional favourite that's not limited to Christmas. Why not play one lunchtime at work or school and ask everyone involved for a donation. You could even play throughout the year with lots of teams in a charades tournament!

X

X-factor competition

Celebrate all your talents by putting on a show – Britain's definitely got talent. Organise your own talent show and invite friends and family too.

X-box tournament

Use any games console to host a fundraising night in for Young Bristol. Provide the snacks and drinks and let your family and friends battle to win the games you've chosen!

Y

Y competition

Have you got a talent for yo-yoing? Or yodelling? Yak herding? Then put your niche skill to good use and get sponsored for Young Bristol.

Yummy fundraising

There's a good reason that cake sales are such a popular fundraising idea and all that leftover chocolate from Christmas is the perfect excuse to get baking! Why not try some more unusual recipes like chocolate truffles and share with your family and friends in return for donations?

Z

Zany clothes day

Instead of a dress down day, dress up! Charge a fee and ask everyone to wear their favourite costume. Give a prize to the zaniest superhero, historical figure or celebrity.