

Laughter

AFRICA



Laughter Africa's Fundraising Pack





Art exhibition. Ask friends who are artists or photographers to donate their work, or approach local artists. Stage an exhibition or auction, and charge an entrance fee and commission.



Arts and crafts fair

Abseil. Be like Spiderman. Get sponsored to scale a local building.

Africa dancing night

Aerobics-athon

Afternoon tea. Invite friends, family or colleagues around for some tea and cake, in exchange for donations.

Auction. Ask local businesses to donate some big prizes or get a couple of prizes signed by your local celebrity. You could even auction off people-your boss/teacher/yourself for the day. They could do jobs for people-gardening, cooking, music tutoring or even some DIY for the day!

Bad tie/shirt day. Choose the day and ask your colleagues or pupils to come into school or work wearing their loudest tie or shirt. Charge people to take part, and reward the winner.



Bingo. Organise a bingo event. Charge a fee per game.

Beat the goalie. Challenge your friends to a beat the goalie competition. Pay to play and the winner could get a prize.

Battle of the bands. Challenge those budding musicians to a battle of the bands and put on a concert to raise money.

Bike ride. Why not organise a bike ride and turn into a sponsored event?

Antiques roadshow. Find experts to donate their time. Charge for entrance and valuations.

Archery competition



Bag packing at your local supermarket.

Ask your local supermarket if you can hold a bag packing day for Laughter Africa. Every little helps.....

Baked beans bath. Get sponsored to have a bath with a difference!



Ball ponds

Bring and buy sale. Sell donated goods, books and bric-a-brac on a stall.

Bollywood ball

Baby photos. Ask your teachers or colleagues to bring in photos of themselves as babies. Everyone pays an entry fee to guess 'who's who'? Make sure you give a prize to the winner.

Bad hair day. Fed up of being nagged about your untidy hair? Organise a Bad Hair day to raise us money. You could dye your hair pink or blue. You could get sponsored.



Bush tucker trials. Ever wanted to go on 'I'm a celebrity...get me out of here'? Well now is your chance! Have a selection of candidates-teachers, bosses or colleagues and vote on who you want to see complete bush tucker trials. From creepy crawlies to disgusting food-make them suffer!

Bucking bronco

Best man's speech. Have a bet on how long the best man's speech at a wedding will last. Guests can have a wager of just £1. The money can be split 50/50, half to Laughter Africa and the other half to the winner.



Bouncy castle. Why not have a bouncy castle. Or you can organise a sponsored bounce.

Blind date. Why not channel your inner Cilla Black and host your own version of blind date. You could charge people to take part and ask the audience to pay to watch.

British Bake-off. Why not take a leaf out of Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood's book and host your own Bake-off event.

Beetle drive



Bungee jump. Why not get sponsored to do a bungee jump?

Benefit performance. Put on a show, play, concert or performance in aid of Laughter Africa. Raise money by charging an entry fee.

Board game night

Basketball tournament

Badminton tournament

Barbecue

Charity push. Get sponsored to race others getting pushed in a bed, shopping trolley, bathtub, wheelie bin etc..

Conker championship

Comedy show

Cabaret

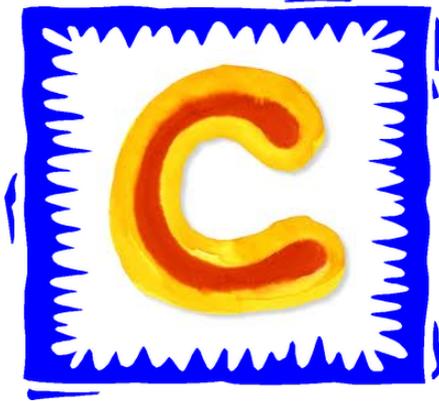
Circus themed day

Comic writing



Barn dance

Baywatch themed party





Calendar. Make your own calendar and sell it. It could be with your sports team, colleagues or friends.

Computer games tournament. You could organise a competition on the Wii, Xbox or other computer consoles with your friends/colleagues at work or school.

Car boot sales

Charity ball. Host a glamorous charity ball, complete with gowns and dancing. It's a timeless way to raise money for charity. Hire a suitable venue (hotel function room, gardens of a grand house), then lay on some fancy food and entertainment.

Colour theme days. Bring a bit of colour into your day and raise money at the same time. Get all your friends to dress in the same colour and make a real splash.



Caption competition. Take a photo of your boss/teachers doing something unusual, and then get everyone to submit a caption for £1. The winner gets a prize.

Christmas cards. Instead of sending printed cards this year, why not send your friends, family and colleagues Christmas card emails or facebook messages – and ask them to do the same. Donate the money you



Carol singing

Carnival parade

Competitions

Coffee mornings

Ceilidh

Cricket tournament

Climb a mountain

Cocktail night

Coconut shy

Curry night

Chocolate fountains

Cheerleading competition

Car wash

Come Dine With Me. Host a dinner party or have a dinner party competition.

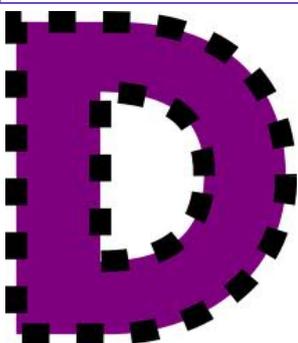
Disco

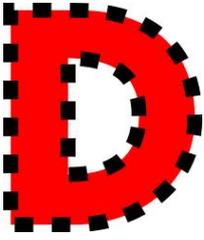
Dance-athon

Dress down day/Dress up day. Have a themed day (for example black tie, wellie Wednesday or T'ai Chi Tuesday). You could even persuade your boss to don a chicken suit at work or go out dressed as Cavemen.



Drawing competition





Drink. If you normally like a drink, get sponsored to give up alcohol.

Darts tournament

Diving competition



Deal or no deal

'Dream day.' A dream day is children dress up as what they want to be when they are older.

Dye your hair

Dinner party

Diet. Get sponsored to lose weight.



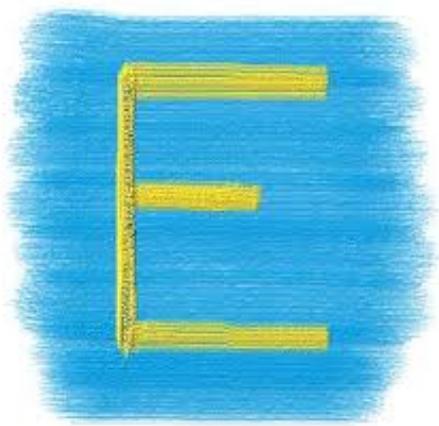
Down under day. Celebrate all things Australian. Hold a barbecue and ask people to dress up like surfers or beach babes. You could have Ozzie hits like Kylie or Jason on in the background. You could decorate the venue with posters of famous Aussies including neighbours and Home and Away stars and even Dame Edna. Ask everyone to pay an entry fee.

Dog walking or organise a sponsored dog walk.

Duct tape the boss or teacher to the wall. Click [here](#) for more info. Also known as 'sticky fly.'

Dance-off. Organise a dancing competition

Eurovision party, get your mates over and celebrate together whilst cheering on the country of your choice and get everyone to donate towards attending the party! Serve food from different European countries and maybe come in fancy dress. Have a sweepstake on who you think will win. Have small trophies for the winning guesses.



Enterprise days. Why not host your own version of the dragon's den or Apprentice. Come up with an idea or product, create it and then sell it. See who can make the most money.

Egg throwing competition

Easter egg Hunt

Easter egg auction

Real life 'escape the room' game

Expeditions

Extreme sports

Exhibition. Get local arts and crafts groups (painters, wood turners, jewellery, makers, photographers, artists etc) to hold an exhibition of their work. Request an admission fee.





Football related fundraising. Run a sweepstake for official football tournaments, among your friends or at work. Give a token prize to the winner. Or even run a **football tournament** where teams pay to take part. You could even have a **fancy dress football tournament!**

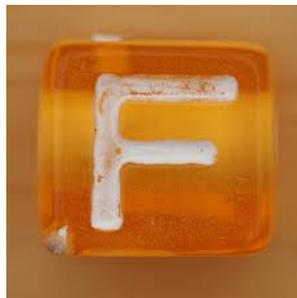
Fashion shows. Organise a fashion show and charge people to come and watch. You could discover the next Kate Moss!

Fire-breathing

Fire-walking

Film night. Release your inner film geek with movies, popcorn, drinks and trivia. Transform your front room into a cinema for the night and get your friends round for fun and films. Ask your friends for a donation, or a small fee to take part in a film quiz. You could come dressed as the characters in the film you are watching.

Fast for 24 hours and get people to sponsor you for your efforts.



Fuzz removal. Is it time to lose the beard? Get sponsored to de-fuzz-it's a small amount of pain for all that you gain.

Fancy dress day or a fancy dress party. Go crazy with the fashion ideas and create a zany masterpiece to wear for the day. You could even have a fancy dress week where you wear a different fancy dress outfit each day.

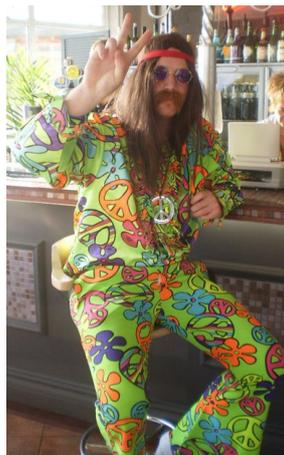


Flower festival or flower show

Face painting. Great to do alongside another event, such as a gala or fête.

Fairs, fêtes, festivals and fun days

Fun runs. Organise your own fun run and get people who take part to be sponsored. You can even complete the run in fancy dress!



Fishing competition

Frisbee competition or tournament



Girls v boys day. Pit male against female in a number of different challenges. The losers have to do a forfeit

Gladiator duelling



Gardening. Offer your gardening services

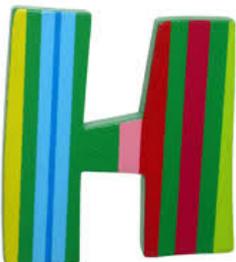
Go-karting



Grow a moustache or beard

Hair dressing or braiding

Haunted house



Games night. Twister, Jenga, team Trivial Pursuit, Cluedo, scrabble, chess etc....Pay to enter and have a tournament where the winners get prizes.

Gunge your teacher or boss. Want to get your own back-now you can!

Guess the number of ... (balloons in a car, sweets in a jar etc..). Have a lot of fun challenging your friends to guess the quantity in the jar or car.



Generation game

Game shows. Put on your own version of popular games shows like the weakest Link, Who wants to be a millionaire etc....

Greek night with plate throwing

Hockey tournament

Hula hoop-athon

Hat day. Where everyone in work or school wears a hat for the day. You could even have a 'Mad Hatter's Day,' were families gather together to have a tea-party, wearing hats and eating home-made cakes. You could even have an Easter bonnet parade.



Garden party. Have stalls, games, refreshments and raffles.

Game of Thrones themed party with fancy dress and quiz.



Guess the weight of... Quiz your friends on the weight of the cake – 50p a guess. Whoever gets it right keeps the cake. You can also guess the weight of other things too.

Golf. Run an open day or tournament. Get a golf club to sponsor the event for you. Invite club members and local businessmen/women for the tournament.

Grow a £1





Hook a duck



Hair. Shave your hair off for Laughter Africa.

Hop-athon

Hiking

High ropes challenge

Human table football

Halloween party



Horse racing night

Harry Potter night. Dress up as your favourite Harry Potter characters. Eat Harry Potter related food. Play Harry Potter related games,

Human dominoes

Highland games



International buffet. Experience the delicious flavours of food from all corners of the world. Just ask your guests for a donation to attend. You could even serve cassava leaf and rice-the staple food in Sierra Leone.

Celebrate international/nationals of....Get sponsored to celebrate a different national/international day over Lent by doing something related to the theme of the day.



Ice-skating

Ice bucket challenge

It's a knockout

Jail break

Jelly races

Ironing

Italian themed day

Ice hockey

Jumper day. You could have a wear your dodgy jumper to work/ school day. Or you could have a Christmas jumper day.

Jenga. Have a giant Jenga tournament

Jam sale. Make and sell homemade jam.

Joke-athon

Job week. This is where small jobs are undertaken for payment.

job swapping

Juggling competition

Jazz evening

Jewellery making/selling

Jumble sales

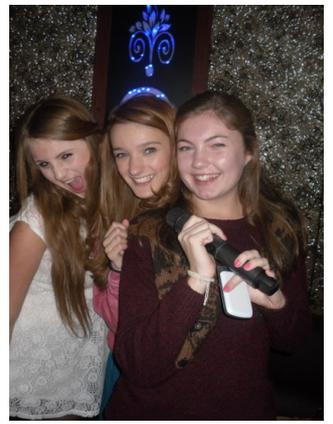
Jump-athon





Kite flying. When the wind is right get those kites into the air. The kite that stays up the longest wins. Why not design your own kites and get sponsored too?

Karaoke night. Sing your heart out and hold a karaoke contest. offer a prize for the best and worst performances.



Knitting competition. Challenge your friends to a knit-off. You could sell or auction your work of art too.

Knobbly knees competition

Keep fit-athon

Karate

Kayaking



Keepy-uppy cuppy. Challenge your friends or colleagues to a keepy- uppy challenge. Or get sponsored to have a keepy-uppy-athon



Live below the line. Get sponsorship to live below the poverty line for five days. You have a budget of just £5 to spend on all of your food and drink.

Litter picking

Lucky dip



Look-a-like. Ask people to take part in a look-a-like contest and give a prize to the winner. Take an entry fee from participants and charge for people to attend. This works well alongside a fête or other event

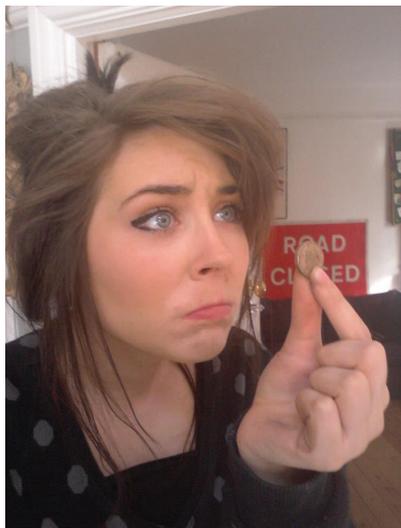
Limbo dancing

Leg waxing for men

Line dancing

Laugh. Organise a 'comedy night.' Get the funniest people you know to stand up and crack a few jokes.

Lawn-mowing



Lent. What could you give up this Lent? Donate the money you saved from giving up chocolate, alcohol or whatever it was you gave up. You could even get sponsored too.

Left-handed day. Get sponsorship for doing everything with your left hand for a day (or your right hand if you are left-handed!)





Memory meal. Transport yourself back to the '60s, '50s or '40s. Dress in the style of the day, put on the right music and cook some dishes of the decade.

Music events. Scout out your local talent and talk to a local venue to get things started! You could even put on a musical!

Magic show. Put your magical talents to good use and organise a show for all your friends. Remember to have an entry fee.

Marathon

Mexican themed day. Have a piñata, Tequila and Mexican food.

M

Mad make-up day



Murder mystery night. Unleash your inner Poirot or Ms Marple by hosting your very own murder mystery night.

Masterclasses. Is there something you're good at? Dressmaking? Scone baking? Changing a tyre? Why not organise a small class to show other people how to do it? Charge them a fee.

Make music. Write your own songs and make a CD or put them on i-tunes. The profits could go to Laughter Africa.



Messy Mile. Get sponsored to walk a mile in a pair of wellies filled with jelly or beans or even have messy mile races.

Make. Have you got a talent for making something like jewellery, badges or greetings cards? If so, you could sell them and give the profits to Laughter Africa.

Massage. Charge friends and family for a relaxing massage.

Mini-Olympics

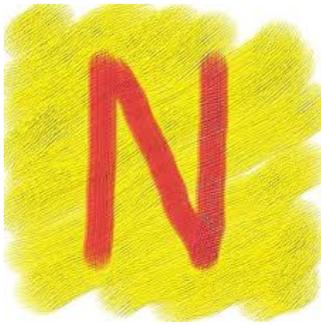
Wear a moustache day

Makeover party

Mouse racing

Masquerade ball





Name the teddy

Non-uniform day

Nature trail

Netball tournament

No-smoking week. Get sponsored to give up smoking. You could also donate the money you'd save on cigarettes.

Outward bound trip



Obstacle course

Odd job day

Orienteering

Offer a ride. If you have a vintage car, pony, tractor, or other interesting transport, you might want to offer rides for a donation and give the proceeds to Laughter Africa.

Onesie day. Wear your onesie to work or school.

Odd clothes day



Paintballing competition

Pantomime

Pogo stick race

Party. It could be 60s, 70s, 80s or 90s themed.

Pamper party. Facepacks, lipstick and a steady hand are all you need to make people feel a million dollars – and donate a few quid. Invite the girls round to your home 'salon' or hire out the village hall. Get handy with a massage, a manicure – painting people's nails. Why not ask some local beauticians to donate their time and/or beauty products. You can charge per treatment or ask for a donation at the start of the evening.

Photo competitions. If you're a budding photographer, hold a competition for interesting snaps. All entrants to pay a fee. And even exhibit all the entries.

Pointless

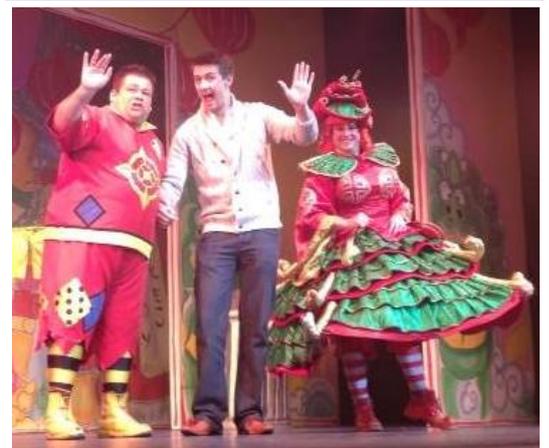
Poetry recital or poetry competition

Pick a stick

Pin the tail on the donkey

Picnic

Fancy dress photo booths





Pub games evening. Teams pay to enter for dominoes, skittles, darts, pool, quizzes, etc. Have plenty of fun prizes and snacks.

Parachute jump
Penalty shoot out

Paint fights

Party games. Musical chair, pass the parcel, musical bumps...

Paper aeroplane competition
Puppet show **Pyjama day**

Pie eating contest

Plant sale

Pancake race. Hold your own pancake race – challenge your friends and family.

Be a pirate day



Private tuition. Sell your skills!



Play your cards right



Hold a pineapple day. Get sponsored to hold a pineapple or another inanimate object for the whole day.

Pet show

Para-gliding

Pram push



Quintessentially British day. Get out the tea complete with cucumber sandwiches and scones and celebrate some aspects of Britishness for the day. You could have a street party.



Quiz. Whether it's a traditional pub quiz or another type of quiz, this is a great way to raise money and get a lot of people involved.

Quasar laser all night tournament

Quiff competition

Queue. Sell your place in a queue.

Queen night

Quidditch



Read-athon. How many books can you read over a short period of time? Get sponsored per page or, for fast readers, per book..

Recycle your old mobile phones/ink cartridges etc. Many places will give you cash back for trading in these items and as a result you can then send us some money



Rubber duck race. Ask your friends to pick a duck for a donation. Make sure you have a prize donated for the winner. Don't forget to number them – or you could even give them name. Watch the ducks float towards the finish line. If you want to host the event indoors you could prerecord and play the race back – great for an after-dark gathering.

Runs. E.g. colour runs, zombie runs, splash dash etc...

Rock climbing

Raft races

Roller coaster-athon

Rich man poor man meal. Organise a simple lunch with a difference – a small number of randomly chosen people get an upgrade from a simple lunch to a sit down meal.

Recipe book. If you're a budding Master Chef, put your recipes into a book and sell them. You could be the next Jamie Oliver!

Rounders tournament



Races

Record breaking attempts

Remote control car races

Raffles

Relays

Robot Wars

Rugby match

Rapids

Russian Roulette. Not with guns but with forfeits



Roller disco

Sponsored row



Snooker tournament



Scrabble competition

Swimming with sharks or dolphins

Skate boarding



Shark cage diving



Sumo wrestling game



Sponsored walk

Swear box

Skydiving. Jump out of a plane and get friends and family to sponsor you.



Splat the boss/ teacher. Get your teachers / boss to go in the stocks and throw sponges/ cream pies, anything you fancy



Scavenger hunt

Santa's grotto



Selfies. Why not start a new selfie craze on facebook? Not wearing make-up, wearing make up or any other idea you can come up with. Donate when you upload your selfie!

Sweepstake. Who will win a tournament, or on which day of the week or date in the month will a baby be born? Give a donated prize to the winner.

Salsa dancing. Put on those dancing shoes and find a salsa partner – and dance away.

Sponsored spell-athon

Strictly come dancing competition

Special occasions. Celebrate your special day, whether it be your wedding, your birthday, Christmas or wedding anniversary. Ask for gifts in the form of donations to Laughter Africa instead.

Sponsored swim

Silly sock day

Squash tournament

Swishing

Silent disco



Surfing competition



Skiing

Space hopper relays

Sponsored homelessness. One way of fundraising for adults is to be sponsored sleeping rough for the night. It is another good way of raising awareness of street children's lives.

Smarties. Give out tubes of Smarties to your children and ask them to collect £1 coins for Laughter Africa when they've finished all the sweets.



Speed dating night. People are always looking for love. Now is your chance to play cupid for a price. And let us know if a Laughter Africa wedding looks likely!

Shoe shine. This is how a lot of street children around the world raise money. As well as being a fundraiser, it can also help raise awareness of street children.



Scuba diving

Stay-awake-a-thon

Sponsored skipping

Sports day

Sponsored silence

Splat the rat

Sour sweet sucking competition

Swap shop. Tired of your clothes, toys and books? Then organise a swap shop and exchange the things you are bored of with something different.



Soup lunch. Hold a Soup Lunch at work, home, church or school.

Santa dash



Tennis tournament

Three legged race



TV themed nights. Neighbours, Doctor Who, -why not have a themed night dedicated to your favourite show involving quizzes, themed food, fancy dress etc...



Triathlon

Treasure map

Trekking

Table tennis tournament

Talent show. You could put on a talent show at work, school or in your community. It could be like 'Britain's Got Talent.'

Toga party

Treadmill challenge

Tug of war

Tombola

Tougher mudder



Theatre. Could your local theatre or amateur dramatics society be persuaded to put on a show for Laughter Africa.



Ten pin bowling tournament

The crystal maze

Tied together.

Get sponsored to spend the day handcuffed to someone else.

Tuck shop

Treasure hunt

The cube

Teddy bear's Picnic

Trampolining competition



Toothpick bake bean-a-thon

The hottest chilli eating tournament

The Amazing Race

Twister-a-thon. Get sponsored to play an all-day game of Twister with your mates. People will donate more if you're doing it in a public place - your embarrassment is always worth a few quid.



Ugly face pulling competition. A prize for the most outrageous face – make sure you get photographic evidence! Each entrant pays to play.

Uniform day. Get all your colleagues to wear a uniform to work for the day. Everyone donates a pound for the privilege

Underwear out. Wear your underwear on the outside for a day. Make sure it's clean!

Under-water rugby

University challenge

Unwanted gifts. Ask friends to donate items that they got for Christmas that they don't really want.

Unicycle racing



Valentine's day. Why not sell roses, chocolates, cards for Valentine's day? Or you could even organise a Valentine's ball. Instead of buying cards/presents for your beloved, why not give the money to Laughter Africa instead.



Volleyball tournament

Welly throwing competition

Wine tasting evening

Win a day off. Ask your boss to raffle or auction a day off work.

Variety show. Organise a show night with comedians, magicians, singers, dancers and musicians all under one roof.

Water games

Word search

Wii tournaments



World food. Fancy yourself as a budding Jamie Oliver? Make special dishes from different countries and hold an international food tasting event.

Wear a kilt

Wacky races. Have different types of races e.g. Leap frog, wheelbarrow races etc...

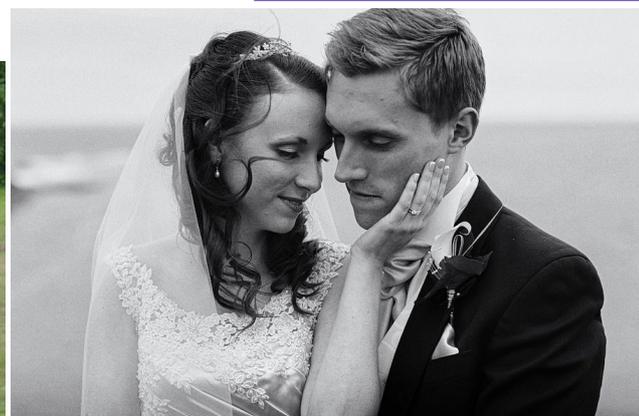
Walt Disney night. Dress up as your favourite Disney character, watch Disney films or have a Disney songs-athon

Wedding favours

White water rafting

Wig day

Where's Wally day. Dress up as 'Where's Wally'



Water related fundraising. Raise awareness of street children living in Africa without access to safe water and sanitation. Why not get sponsored to live on ten litres of water a day for a week? 10 litres is the amount on which many of those living in water poverty must survive on a daily basis. This is 10 litres for everything—drinking, cooking your food, washing yourself, washing your clothes, washing your dishes, brushing your teeth. Everything... Or you could have a sponsored water walk where you walk a certain number of miles while carrying huge jugs/ buckets of water like so many people in developing countries have to do every day.

X-box. Can you give up your X-box for a week. For a day, week, month? Get sponsored.



X Factor. Run a talent show and have a panel of judges, as on the famous TV show. Charge people to enter and for tickets to watch.



Yoga marathon



Yes day. Say yes to everyone's demands (within reason!) and ask people to sponsor you to do so.



Yodelling competition

Yacht race. If you haven't got the real thing, what about paper boats?

Yo-yo competition

Zumba. Ask a local Zumba instructor if they will donate their time to teach a Zumba class. You could charge people to take part or make the class extra long and ask participants to find sponsorship.



Zany races. You name it you can race it—plastic ducks, wind up toys, snails even colleagues, sack races, leapfrog races etc....

Zany clothes day. Or you could even have a back to front day where you wear your clothes back to front or wear odd shoes!

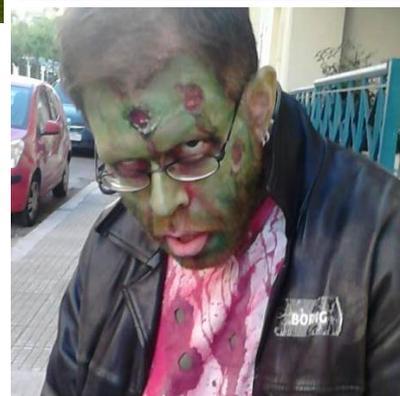


Zip wire

Zombie runs

Zoo pooh fundraiser. Works with animals like cows: divide field into squares and sell squares to donors. The square where the animal 'goes' wins.

Zzzzz. Why not have a sponsored sleep or sleep in an unusual place. You could even live in a shop window for a few days.



OUR TOP 10 FUNDRAISING TIPS

1. Set up online fundraising page. The easiest way if you are getting sponsored to do something for Laughter Africa is to set up a fundraising page on Wonderful Organisation. It's dead easy to do and all the instructions are on their [website](#). They don't charge Laughter Africa any fees. Alternatively for those who prefer to use a sponsor form, please click [here](#).



2. Gift Aid. However you collect your money, ask UK taxpayers to tick the Gift Aid box. If you've set up an online giving page, people will be automatically prompted to Gift Aid their donation. People can also tick the gift aid box on the sponsor form. Gift aid means we will receive 25p extra from the government for every pound given.

3. Check the legal requirements if you are hosting an event. For legislation and best codes of practice click [here](#). For some things you will need to get permission from your local council. E.g. Street collections, an event on a public land. To find your local councils details, click [here](#). Also check if the venue where your event is taking place has public liability insurance. Other things you need to consider are first aid, fire safety, [health and safety](#), risk assessments, food preparation requirements. If you are arranging a sporting event, you may need St John Ambulance to be present.



4. Double your money. Ask your employer if they have a matched giving scheme. They could make a big difference by doubling the money you raise. Most big companies offer a matched funding scheme.

5. Approach local businesses for sponsorship. Many local businesses are more than happy to provide raffle prizes, gifts in kind or printing services in return for a mention in your publicity materials or during the event.



6. Use social media. Social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter are brilliant tools when it comes to promoting a fundraising event. Link them to your online fundraising page. Send individual facebook messages to your friends as well as putting it on your profile page. Regularly update your Facebook status to keep your cause fresh in your friends mind. Email all your contacts in your address book. Another simple way to raise awareness is to change your email signature at work and/or at home – after your name and title etc, add a line at the bottom including the address of your web page. This will raise awareness of your event and ensure every email you send has the potential to prompt a donation.

7. Contact your local media. Publicity in the local media can be an invaluable fundraising tool. An article in the local paper or a plug on the local radio can yield amazing results. Aim high and even speak to the local TV news stations if you are doing something truly unique. Ask the paper or radio to mention a link to your online fundraising page as readers and listeners can simply visit your page and sponsor you direct. Tips for generating more interest from the media include having good photos and if there is a celebrity or well-known figure involved like an MP who would be happy to help publicise your event. Don't just contact the press before the event, also contact them after you have completed your event.



9. A picture is worth a thousand words, so the old saying goes. Make sure there's someone to take photos on the day. These are vital for getting press coverage and donations after your event, and they could be hugely inspiring to other people. Don't forget to email your photos to Laughter Africa too.

8. Spread the word. Not everyone uses social media so don't forget to advertise the old fashioned way too. You could up posters in your workplace, gym, church, local pub, children's school, local libraries, community centres etc... Or you could give a talk about your event in your church, school or workplace. You could even write an article for your parish newspaper.

10. Say thank you. Remember to thank everyone who gives you a donation either in person or through email or social media sites. If possible, thank people for their support individually through private messages.



THANK YOU!



Good luck with all your fundraising, and thank you so much for your support. It's much appreciated, and makes such a difference. If you have an idea that's not this pack, then feel free to do that instead-these are just ideas. We would love to hear about your fundraising activities. Take photos of what you do and send them into us so we can celebrate your success by sharing them on our website. Let us know if you need any support from us and we'll be happy to help!