



**Target: to repay  
£20,000 loan**

**A Hall for All**

## **Talent Competition: Fundraising Ideas**

### **Tips and Suggestions**

1. Decide on the sort of event you would like to hold—on your own or with others.
2. Plan for each £10 you put in to make more than £10 by the event's end!
3. Discuss and decide on a date, in liaison with the Springboard Group (to help with publicity and avoid clashes)
4. Invite friends and acquaintances to contribute to and come to your event
5. Advertise the event as widely as possible, including but not exclusively through St Peter's (include shops, library, clubs, groups, schools etc)
6. Hold the event: make it fun and have fun yourself!
7. Donate the proceeds (with or without your original £10), gift aided where possible, to 'A Hall for All' via Peter Dyer, our Hon Treasurer, by Patronal Festival Sunday 1st July 2012!

**Please read on...**

## **Hold a Bring and Buy Sale**

- Cakes, toys, beauty products, jams and preserves, knit wear, plants...

## **Grow plants from seed and sell**

- Plant seeds in seed trays and pots in winter and early spring
- Advertise to gardeners and allotmenters!
- Bring seedlings out to sell when sprouting!

## **Make a Money Snake!**

- Identify a length of floor or ground to make a 'snake' (indoors or out)
- Invite people to collect loose change
- For the event, have them come and lay their change down to make the snake
- Keep the change! For instance: 30 metres of 2ps will make £25!
- Consider teaming this with other fund raising events

## **'I've never seen Star Wars!' (Do something for the first time)**

Is there something you have never done which you would like to have a go at? Is there something you know other people have never done which you or others would like to see that person doing? A dad baking a cake? A child washing up? A mum petting a spider? A grandparent surfing the web? Is there a skill you could offer? Is there a skill you would like to have a go at? Playing a musical instrument? Making a quilt? Working with wood? Cooking? Hairdressing? Car maintenance? Sky diving?

- Identify what you or others could do for the first time—or have a go at after a long time not doing it
- For reluctant candidates: get people to sponsor them to do something they would not otherwise do (perhaps for a particular sum of money: £25...£50....£1000!)
- For willing candidates: ask someone to help you do what you want to do, seek sponsors and donate accordingly
- If you have an expertise: offer it at a price! Organise individual or group sessions to share the expertise

## **Sing-a-long Film Night**

Select a sing-a-long / subtitled film e.g. 'Mama Mia!', 'Grease!', 'My Fair Lady!', 'The Sound of Music' etc: invite small or large audience, depending on venue. Hold a themed event, encouraging audience to dress as a character in the film and invite donations for the privilege!

## **Festive and Seasonal Events**

### **Shrove Tuesday (Tues 21st February)**

- Hold a Pancake Party
- Invite people to enjoy pancakes with different fillings and toppings
- Hold competitions (with or without an entry fee), with prizes for the winner of: How many times can you toss a pancake? How quickly? Who will win a pancake race round a course (tossing pancakes at strategic points...)? Who can eat the most pancakes in one go? Who will try a Pancake Vindaloo? etc!

### **Lent**

- Give up something you enjoy—chocolate, biscuits, wine, cooked meals/meat... - and divide what you would normally have spent between 'A Hall for All' and another charity

### **Easter**

- 'Guess the Number of Mini-Eggs in a Jar' Competition: announce the winner after the Family Communion on Easter Day!
- Organise Easter Egg decoration, Easter bonnet competitions
- <http://www.better-fundraising-ideas.com/Easter-fundraising-ideas.html>

### **St George's Day**

- around Monday 23rd April (e.g. Saturday 21st) invite people to enjoy traditional English fare—a full English Breakfast...Roast beef and Yorkshire Pudding Lunch...classic English Scones and Cream Tea...a Cockney Knees-Up... The Football World Cup Final 1966! (see <http://www.better-fundraising-ideas.com/St-Georges-Day.html> !)

### **'Athons'!**

- Bike-athon: go as a group to one already happening, or organise your own...invite donations to participate
- Swim-athon: hire a pool or swim in one regularly...and swim a mile or miles on your own or as a group, sponsored as you go
- Hymn-athon: sing hymns for a long time...invite sponsorship, mass-participation and fees for entering...
- Music-athon: as for hymn-athon—but as many instruments as possible, well or badly played!
- Sing-athon / karaoke: as for hymn and music-athons

## **For Young Families**

- Organise a 'Toddler Triathlon' ('Tramp, Trike , Treasure') see <http://www.better-fundraising-ideas.com/fundraising-ideas-for-children.html>

## **Smartie Tubes**

- Buy tubes of Smarties
- (Consider holding Smartie and/or other games event)
- Distribute tubes for people to fill with 20p coins
- Record who is collecting
- Give prize to first person to bring tube back full!
- Gather all tubes by a set date

## **Go-kart derby**

As 'stand alone' or as part of bigger event—hold a Go-kart competition. Invite families or individuals to construct a wheeled vehicle: hold competitions and races to suit the vehicles and venue!

## **Snail Race**

Find snails, create race track (circles from the middle may be best!), mark shells with felt pen: race! Raise money by charging for entry, betting against the bank...eating gourmet snail dishes...!

## **Back the winner!**

Want to win an argument or challenge? Organise a show-down with supporters: see <http://www.better-fundraising-ideas.com/fundraising-event-ideas-challenge.html>

## **Wine Tasting Evening...Come Dine with Me...Giant Tea Party... Raffles...Quizzes...the possibilities are endless!**

Final suggestions:

- consider filming people engaged in their activities—invite donations for a record of the event... or to ensure the embarrassment is not seen again in public!
- Search the net for 'fundraising ideas' and even more tips and suggestions!