

**Accessible Learning Foundation**

**“Helping those who are neurodivergent to thrive”**

**A to Z of Fundraising ideas**

We are all different. Whether it’s something physical, something creative our just something to have fun. Our A to Z of fundraising ideas will help you to get your creative and money raising juices flowing. No matter if you want to go solo or create a team challenge, we have the ideas for you!

Below you will find something for everyone. Take a look, choose your fundraising idea and help us raise money to support the 1:5 people and their families who have ADHD, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia, Tourette’s Syndrome and who are Autistic. We do this by funding screening and support for primary school children and so much more. We believe everyone has the right to thrive.

**A**

**Abseil -** Scale the dizzy heights of a local landmark or office block.

**Aerobics** - Organise a sponsored aerobics-thon with the help of gyms, leisure centres and sports shops.

**Afternoon tea** - Put the kettle on and get baking. Entertain guests with raffles, auctions, tombolas and live music.

**Arts/crafts fayre -** Make necklaces, dried flower arrangements, stained glass mirrors, etc. to sell on a stall.

**Art exhibition** - Stage an exhibition for local artists or get your pupils to design and create a piece of art to be auctioned or sold. Charge an entrance fee and commission.

**‘As-new’ sale** - AKA posh jumble sale. Ask everyone you know for unwanted belongings and hold a sale evening.

**Auction** - Auction off items or services of people and businesses.

**B**

**Bad tie day** - Charge your colleagues a pound to come in wearing their loudest tie. Award the winner

**Beat the goalie** - Score a goal and win a prize. Players pay to enter.

**Bingo** - Hold a one-off evening or regular morning sessions.

**Board game**s evening - Invite friends to play Scrabble, Monopoly, Cluedo and more. Charge an entrance or game fee. Alternatively, have a competition amongst work colleagues.

**Bonny baby contest** – Ask colleagues to bring in a picture of themselves as a baby then hold a competition. People pay to enter with half the money going to charity and the other half going to the person who correctly guesses who most of the baby picture are.

**Book sale** - Sell old books, collected from everyone you know.

**Bungee jump** - Raise sponsorship by flying in the face of fear.

**Burns Night Themed evening** - Scottish dancing, haggis, neeps and tatties. Charge an admission fee

**C**

**Cake Sale -** Hold a traditional cake stand at fetes or fairs. Make sure you adhere to high health and safety standards.

**Caption competition** - Entrants pay for a sheet of photographs and have to think of the best and funniest caption that fits each picture and submit them for a prize.

**Car wash**- Wash cars at shopping centre, School or office car parks.

**Carol concert** - Host a festive concert for your community. Earn extra by selling mince pies and mulled wine.

**Casino evening** - Hire gaming tables and a hall for the evening. Charge an admission fee.

**Charity ball** - Raise sponsorship the sophisticated way. Organise a themed ball with a DJ or live music at a hotel or nightclub. Charge for tickets and boost your earnings with games and raffles.

**Christmas draw** - Sell tickets and ask local firms to supply prizes. Please refer to Fundraising Guidelines.

**Christmas Crackers** – Buy Christmas crackers but place a secret ticket in one of the crackers. See the crackers and half of the proceeds goes to charity and the other half to the person who buys the crackers containing the secret ticket.

**Coffee morning** - It’s open house for the morning. Make extra with raffles, bring and buy sales and cake stalls.

**D**

**Dance** - Barn dances, tea dances, disco dances, salsa dances - whatever rocks your boat.

**Darts tournament** - Challenge all the pub teams in the area to compete for cash prizes, or a barrel of beer.

**Dinner and cabaret** - Hire a popular and spacious restaurant. Entertain ticket holders with music, comedy and magic.

**Duck race** - Sell numbered plastic ducks and launch them from a bridge. The duck to finish first wins

**E**

**Easter egg hunt** - Edible hide and seek. Charge an entry fee and ask confectioners to provide the eggs.

**Eating marathon** - Get sponsored to stuff your face with as many baked beans/grapes/pies etc. as possible.

**Eating nightmare** – Hold a I’m a celebrity Get Me Out of Here style eating contest

**Eyebrows** - Get sponsored to shave them off - they grow back eventually

**Ebay** – Create a personal, company or school ebay page to raise money for charity using unwanted items.

**F**

**Face painting** - Get creative with face paints at fetes, fairs and children’s parties.

**Fancy dress** - Jazz up your event with a fancy dress contest. Charge an entrance fee.

**Flower arranging** - Make your own fresh, dried or silk arrangements to sell at craft fairs or fetes

**Fire-walk** – Organise a fire-walk to build confidence and team spirit

**Football predictor competition** - Entrants predict win/draw/lose for each of 10 games per week for the month. Charge an entrance fee.

**Football tournament** - Schedule fixtures and charge teams to enter. Ask local businesses for prizes.

**Foreign currency** - Ask people to donate their leftover holiday coins. Change them into sterling once you have enough.

**Family Fun day** - Arrange games, music, competitions and stalls at a nearby hall or sports club.

**G**

**Game show** - Host a mock version of Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? or The Weakest Link. Otherwise adapt board games for big audiences, and get prizes donated.

**Garage or car boot sale** - Sell off all your unwanted belongings. Gardening Offer your gardening services to friends and family.

**Gift recycling** - Arrange a post-Christmas sale of unwanted gifts. Ask traders to donate a cut of their takings.

**Grand National sweepstakes** - Put individual tickets of the horses’ names in a hat and ask your friends or colleagues to draw a ticket suggesting they make a donation. Keep a note of which horse each person draws.

**Greeting cards** - Make and sell cards for every occasion. Find out about selling Christmas cards for your charity.

**Guess the ???** - Competitors guess how many sweets in the jar, a cake’s weight, etc. The closest answer wins

**H**

**Halloween party** - Another excuse to dress up and party. Charge entrance fees and raise money trick or treating.

**Head shave** - Sick of bad hair days? Go bald for charity.

**Household** - sale Sell off all your unwanted belongings

**Hat’s off** – People pay to come to work in the most ridiculous hat. A winner gets chosen and the proceeds get shared between the winner and the charity

**I**

**Indoor market** - Rent out stalls to local traders, or take a cut of profits or just organise a market in your local office building or school.

**Ironing** - Offer your ironing services - at a cost.

**It’s a Knockout** - Revive the 80s game show by inviting teams to compete in silly games in silly costumes

**J**

**Jailbreak** - Dump teams in the middle of nowhere. With no money or transport, see who gets back to base first. Charge entrance fees and offer prizes.

**Jewellery making** - Buy your own beads and get threading. Sell your products at markets and craft fairs

**Jewellery sales** – Bring in your un-wanted jewellery and sell it with proceeds going to the charity

**Job Swap** – Pay to swop jobs or to do someone’s job for the day. This can help drive better teamwork and an understanding of other people’s roles

**K**

**Karaoke** - Arrange your own X Factor contest. All you need is a machine, a room and a well-stocked bar

**L**

**Left-handed (or right-handed) day** - Try doing everything with your left (or right) hand for the day. Ask for sponsorship.

**Line dancing** - It’s all the rage. Just make sure you have a caller and plenty of drink

**Light up a room** – For Christmas or a special occasion offer to decorate and light up someone’s room for a fee that goes to charity

**M**

**Marathons** - Get sponsored to run the traditional 26-mile race.

**Medieval evenings** - Themed evening of medieval food, jousting and entertainment.

**Mufti day** - Introduce dress-down day at work. Colleagues pay a fee to leave their suits at home.

**Music concert** - Entertain the crowds with your own recital, or hire bands or musicians

**N**

**Nature trail** - Offer guided walks to natural beauty spots.

**New Year’s resolutions** - Get sponsored to stick to your New Year’s resolutions

**Never Again** – Challenge yourself or others to face their biggest fears and to raise money at the same time.

**Nail Painting** – charge people to have their nails painted

**Night time sleepout** – Organise a sleepout at a spooky or strange location

**O**

**Open garden** - Open your garden to visitors. Sell tickets, refreshments, plants and vegetables.

**Opera night production** - Stage an opera evening in your area, or arrange a trip to see a big London production.

**Ornament sale pitches** - Set up a market/fair stall. Alternatively, plan your own event and charge for pitches

**P**

**Paintballing** - Organise paintballing challenges at locally run centres. Players pay to enter.

**Pancake race** - Get flipping on Shrove Tuesday. Charge teams to enter, and spectators to eat.

**Pantomime** - Your chance to play the ugly sister. Stage a production with friends, family and colleagues and sell tickets with all proceeds going to the charity

**Party night** - Pick a venue, a date, a theme… and party on. Sell tickets and charge for extras like food.

**Pick a ticket** - Pick a numbered ticket from a bucket and if the number’s a winner, claim a prize. Charge a fee per go.

**Plant sale** - Sell donated plants or rent out pitches to traders.

**Playstation play-off** - Organise a league of players and compete on a certain game. Charge entrants.

**Pledges -** Gather pledges of support, donations and services. These could be auctioned or raffled off.

**Private tuition** - Whether it’s French or Flamenco, sell your skills with private lessons.

**Pub games** - night Stage a championship of traditional pub games - darts,

**R**

**Race night** - The race is run on a large screen after all bets have been taken. A typical evening consists of eight races. Props (and film) are supplied by race operators. Please refer to Fundraising Guidelines.

**Raffle** - Ask local firms to donate prizes and sell tickets. Please refer to Fundraising Guidelines.

**Ramble** - Take to the countryside for a mass walkabout. Throw in a theme (fancy dress, singles, three legged, Easter), and charge for entry and refreshments.

**Recipe book or recipe cook** - Publish favourite recipes from people you know, put them into a short book or pamphlet and sell this to raise funds. Alternatively, ask people to bring in their favourite dish and sell these for charity.

**Refreshments -** Sell teas, coffees, sandwiches, biscuits, cakes, etc. at any fundraising event.

**Roll-a-coin** - Fair game where player rolls a coin down a chute, aiming to land on a playing card.

**Roll the dice** - Roll six sixes and win a car! You need a big event - and car

**S**

**Santa Sale** - Sell Christmas cards, wrapping, gifts, food and drink.

**Santa’s Grotto** - Pull on your white beard and brush up your ho, ho, ho. Scavenger hunt Variation on the treasure hunt where participants have a list of items to collect.

**Shoe shine** - Get down on your knees at your nearest train station or shopping centre.

**Shower madness** – Get sponsored to be showered with creepy crawlies or ice water etc

**Sit in a bath** - Get sponsored to spend the day in a bath of beans or tea, etc.

**Slimming contest** - Arrange with local slimming clubs. Participants get sponsored £1 for every pound lost.

**Sponge throwing** - Players pay to chuck sopping wet sponges at whoever’s in the stocks.

**Sponsored silence** - Mum’s the word. Stay silent for as long as you can.

**Sports competition** - Whatever your game, organise a tournament. Sell tickets, and organise stalls, raffles, etc.

**Stationary cycle** - Don’t fancy the map reading? Forget cycling to Paris, but cover the same distance at the gym.

**Swap shop** - Put unwanted items in touch with loving homes. Charge swappers to participate

**Swear box** - Spend a £1 for every $@\*£$! uttered. Put a box at home, at work and at the pub.

**Swimathon** - Get sponsored per length, mile, minute, hour

**T**

**Tabletop sale** - Indoor variation on the car boot sale. Charge for table hire.

**Talent competition** - Discover Britain’s next big thing with your own talent show. Charge entry and offer prizes.

**Ten-pin bowling** - Bowling alleys often have special rates for big groups and charity evenings.

**Toy sale** - In the run-up to Christmas, toy sales can be big fundraisers. Treasure hunt Sniffing out the clues, teams comp

**U**

**Underwear out** - Wear your underwear on the outside for the day, ask your friends for sponsorship. Make sure it’s clean

**Under Pressure** – Dare a friend, family member or colleague to take a challenge that will take them out of their comfort zone but sponsor them to do it

**V**

**Variety show** - Comedians, magicians, singers, dancers and musicians all under one roof.

**Valet service** - Offer to clean cars inside and out for all your family, friends and colleagues.

**Vanity challenge** – Offer to sponsor someone to not wear make-up for a day or to go into work casual instead of in their suit and tie

**W**

**Walks** - Organised walks to historical spots and places of interest. Ghost walks are also popular.

**Waxing A hair-raising experience for the boys** - Get sponsored to wax your legs or chest.

**Weight of the cake** - Pay to guess the weight - and win the cake if you’re right.

**Whiskey raffle** - Charge a pound a ticket, and pick a winner for every 25 sold. Please refer to the Fundraising Guidelines.

**Who am I?** - A quiz sheet with clues in the form of words and pictures

**Wimbledon sweepstakes** - Put individual tickets of the players’ names in a hat and ask your friends or colleagues to draw a ticket suggesting they make a donation. Keep a note of which player each person draws.

**Wine tasting** - Hold tasting sessions for wine companies. Charge commission on wine sold. Arrange a raffle.

**X**

**Xmas hampers** - Make up and sell your own Xmas hampers. Include food, drink, toys and gifts

**Y**

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

**Z**

**Zodiac evening** - Invite a guest astrologer for a star-studded fundraiser. Charge for entry and horoscopes.

**Zumbathon** - Organise a sponsored zumbathon with the help of gyms, leisure centres and sports shops

Before you undertake any fundraising activity, please make sure you ensure that all activities are safe and that the relevant H&S assessment has been undertaken if this is deemed as

necessary.

For additional help and advice, we recommend that you visit the Institute of Fundraising website www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk for more information on fundraising.

If you wish to raise money for the Accessible Learning Foundation (ALF) and have any question please email info@accessiblelearningfoundation.org or call 07960072457

# How to get the money to us

Once you have finished your event/activity and collected all your donations you can:

1. Make an online transfer to our bank account: Accessible Learning Foundation Ltd Account Number: 90236351 Sort Code: 60-10-21, - Please make sure to include your name/details of the event in your payment reference.
2. Send a cheque for the full amount made payable to Accessible Learning Foundation to 19 Frewin Road, London SW18 3LR
3. Head to the Donate section on our website and donate the amount raised! Website - <https://www.accessiblelearningfoundation.org/>