



A-Z Fundraising Ideas

A

- Art - Ask local artists/photographers to donate their work. Stage an exhibition and charge an entrance fee and commission.
- Antique Fairs- Gather antiques around your house and ask friends and family to donate pieces and donate the funds raised.

B

- Bag-Pack – Organise a bag pack in your local Supermarket in aid of North West Hospice.
- Babysitting - Offer to baby sit for a night and donate fee.
- Bake sale - Get baking and selling, always a fun one.
- Bike tours - Offer to conduct bike tours and charge a fee.
- Bingo - Everyone loves bingo, ask shops to donate prizes and charge a fee to participate.
- Book and Jumble Sale - A great way to clear some space and raise funds.
- Book Club - set up a book club and charge people to join

C

- Carol Singing - Organise carol singing at Christmas
- Car Wash - Gather some friends and charge a fee to clean cars.
- Christmas Day Swim - A great way to give back on Christmas day.
- Choir/ choral event - Organise a choir or choral event
- Church gate Collection - Join an organised collection by contacting the hospice.
- Cinema charity screening - Ask your local cinema to screen a movie with proceeds being donated.
- Coffee mornings - Join our annual coffee morning in September or host your own at any time during the year.
- Coins - fill a jar with coins- Every penny counts!
- Concert - Why not organise a concert or variety show locally.

D

- Dance - Organise a dance event, dance-athon or jigs'n'reels event
- Dinner Dance / Dinner Party - Host a party
- Disco - Organise a local disco and charge for entry.
- Dog show - Round up your neighbours and their dogs. Get sponsored prizes and charge a registration fee.
- Dog Walking - Offer to walk your neighbour's dog for a fee for a week and donate the fee.
- Donations in lieu of presents - If you have all you need then why not ask people to donate instead of buying gifts.

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- Easter egg hunt - Gather loved ones and have a great time, involve others and charge a fee.
- Exercise Bike Marathon (complete 'shifts' over a set period) -Test endurance and organise fellow cyclists to support your cause.
- Expeditions - If you love the great outdoors and are a great planner, why not organise an expedition and raise vital funds.

F

- Face Painting - Kids love face painting so why not?!
- Fancy dress ball / competition - Organise a fun filled night and charge a fee.
- Fashion show - Everyone loves fashion, ask your local clothes stores to organise models and give them a chance to show their latest collection, while charging them a fee for the publicity.
- Flowers - Why not sell your excess flowers, plants and bulbs and raise funds.
- Football tournament - A great way to mix sports and fundraising. If you are part of a local club why not give this a go.

G

- Garden party - Host a garden party with afternoon tea.
- Open Garden - If you have an immaculate garden and often thought about opening it for a day, then why not do it for North West Hospice.
- Give up something for Lent and get sponsored!
- Golf tournament - Gather your golfing friends and organise a tournament in aid of North West Hospice.

H

- Halloween party - Host a Halloween party.
- Head shave - Or dye your hair and get sponsorship.
- Hill Walking - If you enjoy hill walking and know the routes, why not form a club and charge a registration fee.
- Horticultural Exhibition - Charge an admission or sell plants.

I

- Indoor Games Night: Board games, skittles, cards - pay to play.

J

- Jumble sale - Get rid of unwanted items while raising funds.
- Jigs and reels night - Organise a night and charge entry.

K

- Karaoke Evening - Ask a local pub to host a karaoke night for you and charge entry.
- Knitting - Why not gather some friends and knit some items to sell (such as sunflowers for Sunflower Days in June).

L

- Lawn mowing - Offer to mow lawns for charity.
- Leg Waxing (good for the men!)
- Line Dancing.

M

- Marathons / Mini Marathon - Get fit and run for North West Hospice.
- Match funding- Ask your company to match your fund raised.
- Mid-Summer Walk - Join one of our Mid-Summer Walks or organise a new one in your area.

N

- Night In - Stay in on a weekend night with your friends and donate the money you save.
- No Chocolate/ coffee Day/Week/Month - give up your vices for charity.

O

- Obstacle Course - Set up a course and charge a fee.
- Odd clothes day - Turn your non-uniform day into an odd clothes day – mix up those socks and clash for cash.
- Odd job Day - Charge a fee for all those odd jobs around the house that need doing.

P

- Penalty shoot out - Show off your football skills in a sponsored shoot out.
- Pet show – Why not get donated prizes and charge a fee to enter
- Photo competitions – If you're a budding photographer, hold a competition for interesting snaps. All entrants pay a fee.
- Poetry - Ask people to write poems or short stories, put together a collection and sell.

Q

- Quiz Night - General knowledge table quiz or themed quiz, always popular e.g. music/TV

R

- Race Night - Horse/Greyhound racing bets for charity.
- Raffle - Organise a raffle in your workplace, church etc.

S

- Share your skills - Why not gather a group of people with various skills and you and your fellow participants teach a skill each day for a donation.
- Shamrock sales - Helps us sell our Shamrocks in March for St. Patrick's Day.
- Sponsored Cycle / Walk / Run / Slim / Silence / anything!
- Sunflower Days - Help us with our Sunflower days in June
- Swims - Take part in one of the many Swims in aid of North West Hospice
- Swimathon - Challenge yourself if you love to swim.

T

- Tour Guide - If you know Sligo like the back of your hand, then why not organise a tour where you are the guide.
- Talks and demonstrations – e.g. book readings or cookery demonstrations.
- Tea party - Host a tea party.

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- Unwanted Gifts Sale - Sell unwanted gifts from birthdays and Christmas.
- Used Book Sale - bestsellers at bargain prices.

V

- Variety Show – Organise sketches, song, dance, readings etc.
- Vegetable sale - If you grow your own veggies, then why not host a special sale for North West Hospice.

W

- Walk - Organise a walk for North West Hospice.
- Window cleaning - Offer to clean your neighbours windows for charity
- Weekly Draw – Organise a small draw each week/month among work colleagues.

X + Y + Z

- X-Factor Competition – The North West definitely has talent so why not organise an event with friends and family?
- Yoga Class for charity - Share your yoga skills with others and donate the fee.
- Zzzzz – a sponsored sleep in or even stay-awake.
- Zany clothes day - Instead of a dress down day, dress up! Charge a fee and wear a zany costume that will brighten everyone's day!

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need a Garda permit to collect money for North West Hospice?

A permit is needed for all collections in public places. There are two types of permits:

1. Street and house to house collection permit: This is required where sponsorship cards, bucket collections, church gate collections or donation boxes are used at events held in public places.
2. Gaming and lottery permit: This is required for a raffle or a draw where tickets are sold in public places. There is no permit needed for in-house draws.

Is there an age limit for collectors?

A collector must be 14 years of age or older.

Do I need to consider insurance?

Any event that is not managed or controlled by North West Hospice may require insurance. Check with the venue or activity provider as your event may be covered by their insurance. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact us.

How can I ensure safety when there is cash involved?

At least two people are required to count and sign off on money raised. This is for your own protection. Secure locations for cash should be considered until cash can be banked or returned to North West Hospice. Please see our Money Handling Guidelines leaflet for more information.

Will North West Hospice give money towards the organising and running of an event?

No, North West Hospice will provide support, advice and resources where possible. We are unable to provide financial support for any fundraising event.

Do I need to notify North West Hospice of my event?

We would like all fundraisers to inform North West Hospice of events before the event takes place so that we can provide you with assistance and support as well as spread the word to help promote and make your event a success. This helps us ensure that your event doesn't clash with another event happening in your area and we can help you plan a suitable date for your event.

How will my fundraising money be used?

North West Hospice is a small charity and we need to raise €1 million every year to continue to develop and enhance our palliative care services. All funds raised are used for this specific purpose.

Can I pay expenses out of my fundraising money?

The National Statement of Guiding Principles for Fundraising states that "deductions must not be made from cash received. Expenses must be met (where previously agreed) by the charity after receipt of the cash". This is to assure the public that the money they donate is going directly to the charity. Please discuss this with us if you have any questions.