

FUNDRAISING IDEAS

Rotary Clubs – Rotary Clubs are local branches of RIBI (Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland). Members are usually local businessmen or dignitaries. They usually meet once a week for lunch or dinner and a speaker is usually present.

Why not write a 10-minute speech or presentation to deliver at these meetings? You are almost certain to be offered a donation. You can then offer to repeat your speech to other local branches for more donations.

Lions Clubs and **Round Table** operate in similar ways.

Local trusts and foundations – Every local library should have a directory of local trusts and foundations. Look for organisations that support any of the following or similar:

- Youth development
- Overseas activities
- Extra-curricular learning
- Volunteering, especially youth volunteering

We have also included in this pack a document outlining various trusts throughout the UK, please see “Trusts participants can approach for sponsorship”.

Local businesses – Ask them to sponsor an event and try to offer something in return, e.g. publicity. Local businesses are also a good source of free raffle prizes

Party / disco – Charge friends and family for each ticket and hold a raffle. Theme parties work well.

Sponsored event – Use your imagination: parachute jump, body shave, run, walk, cycle, silence. Ask friends, family, neighbours and local businesses to sponsor you.

Work / bob-a-jobbing – Money earned from weekend, holiday, or full-time employment can be a useful backup. You can also offer to mow your neighbours' lawns or wash cars.

Car boot sale – Have a clear out and earn yourself some cash.

Non-uniform or dress down day – Why not try to organise a non-uniform day or dress down day at school or work? Pupils or colleagues who want to wear their own clothes would make a donation of, say £2, towards your fundraising target.