

# SAOIRSE foundation



*making positive life impacts for sick children*

## Our A to Z of ideas for Fundraising.

### **A**

Abseiling  
Antique Fairs  
Art Exhibitions  
Astrology Evenings  
Athletic meetings  
Auctions

### **B**

Baby-sitting  
Bad Hair Day  
Bad Tie day  
Bag Packing  
Bake sale  
Baked beans bath  
Balloon race  
Barbeque  
Barn Dance (ask a local company to sponsor food/venue/music)  
Bazaar  
Bar BEE Q  
Beard Shaving  
Bed push  
Bike Run for Battens  
Bingo  
Blind Date  
Bob a job  
Book and Jumble Sale (see off all your old books and knick knacks)  
Book sale  
Breakfast for Battens  
Bridge drive  
Bring and buy sale  
Bungee Jumping

### **C**

Cake sale  
Car boot sale  
Car cleaning  
Car rally  
Car Wash (suitable for all ages)  
Carol Singing  
Casino night  
Casual day at work/school  
Children's sports day  
Christmas Day Swim  
Church Collection

Churchgate Collection  
Cinema charity screening  
Coffee mornings  
Coin chain  
Coin collections  
Coins (fill a smarties tube/jar with coins)  
Comedy Night - [www.laughterlounge.ie](http://www.laughterlounge.ie)  
Concert

## **D**

Dance  
Dance-a-thon  
Darts Tournament  
Dinner Dance / Party  
Disco  
Do door-to-door collections  
Dog show  
Dog Walking  
Donations in lieu of presents  
Donkey Derby  
Drama  
Dress down day at work  
Duck race

## **E**

Easter bonnet competition  
Easter egg hunt  
Egg & Spoon Race  
Embarrass the boss/teacher  
Embarrass the Management/Teaching Staff  
Exercise Bike Marathon (complete 'shifts' over a set period)  
Exhibitions  
Expeditions

## **F**

Face Painting  
Fancy dress ball / competition  
Fashion show  
Fasting  
Festivals  
Film show  
Firm wide raffles, auctions and collections  
Fishing Competition  
Five-a-Side  
Flower show  
Football Match  
Football tournament  
Fortune telling  
Fun run

## **G**

Gala evening  
Garden party  
Gigs  
Girls V Boys Day / Event  
Give up something for Lent and get it sponsored!  
Golf classic  
Golf Day (invite local firms to organise teams)

Golf tournament  
Good as new sale  
Gourmet Raffle  
Greyhound meeting  
Guess the amount of sweets in a jar  
Guess the Height / Weight / Amount...  
Gymkhana

## **H**

Halloween fancy dress party  
Halloween party  
Head and beard shaving  
Head Shave  
Hill Walking / Running  
Hopscotch  
Horse Race  
Horticultural Exhibition (charge and admission or sell plants)  
Human Chain  
Hurling Solo Run

## **I**

Individual Gifts  
Indoor Games Night (board games, skittles, cards)  
Inter-departmental quiz in your workplace  
Irish Coffee Morning  
Iron Man Competitions

## **J**

Jamboree  
James Bond event  
Jelly Eating Challenge  
Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge  
Joke Competition  
Juggling Challenge  
Jumble sale

## **K**

Karaoke Evening (ask a local pub to host a karaoke night for you and charge entry)  
Karate Event  
Kite Flying  
Knit In  
Knitting Challenge  
Knitting Sprint (knit for an hour – provide regulation wool and needles!)  
Knobbly Knees Challenge  
Kris Kindle

## **L**

Lawn mowing  
Leg Waxing (good for the men!)  
Line Dancing  
Litter Collection (sponsored per item/black sack)  
Little Italy party  
Local Pub Quiz  
Lottery

Lunch runs at the office  
Luncheons  
Lunch-time event

## **M**

Magic Show  
Marathon (get fit and run a marathon, get people to sponsor/guess your time!)  
Marathons / Mini Marathon  
Masque Ball  
Matched giving from companies for employee fundraising  
Mountain climbing  
Mums Run (ask your local school to help)  
Murder mystery evening  
Music recital  
Musical Chairs

## **N**

New Year's Eve party  
Night In (stay in on Saturday night with your friends and donate the money you save)  
No Smoking/No Chocolate Day (give up your vices for charity)  
No uniform day

## **O**

Obstacle Course  
Odd One Out  
Oiche Gaelach  
Old Time Dance (sponsored per dance)  
Open Gardens – garden parties around your neighbourhood

## **P**

Pancake breakfast  
Panto  
Parachute Jumps  
Pave your street with coins for Trócaire  
Payroll deduction  
Penalty Shoot-out  
Pet show  
Pie Eating Competition  
Pillow Fight  
Pizza party  
Plant sales  
Poetry Competition  
Pool Competition  
Pram Race (babies not included!)

## **Q**

Quiz Night (general knowledge table quiz or themed quiz e.g. music/tv)

## **R**

Race Night (horse/greyhound racing)  
Radio Controlled Car Race  
Raffle  
Rag weeks  
Read-a-thon  
Register your event with Special Olympics Ireland and inform local clubs of your plans  
Remember to get receipts for all costs incurred

## Role Reversal Day

### **S**

Scrabble Tournaments (pay to play or sponsor points)  
Shave- a- Thon  
Shoe Shining  
Sleep-out  
Sponsored Bag-Pack  
Sponsored bike ride for young and old  
Sponsored Cycle / Walk / Run / Slim / Silence / ANYTHING!  
Sponsored Dart Match  
Sponsored Dog Walk  
Sponsored Events, e.g. slimming  
Sponsored silence  
Sports day  
Spot the baby photo competition  
Street Collections (Don't forget - you will need a Garda permit)  
Street party  
Supermarket Bag Packing  
Swear box  
Sweepstakes  
Swimathon  
Swimming gala

### **T**

Talent competition  
Talks and demonstrations – e.g. book readings, cookery demonstrations  
Tea party  
Teddy bear's picnic for children  
Tennis tournament  
Theatre Premiere or Gala Evening  
Theme evening  
Themed event based on particular countries/cultures  
Three-Legged Race  
Tombola  
Treasure Hunt (sponsored/ask local firms to donate prizes)  
Treks  
Tug-o-war

### **U**

Unwanted Christmas presents sale  
Unwanted Gifts Sale  
Used Book Sale (bestsellers at bargain prices)

### **V**

Valentine's Day event  
Valet Services  
Variety Show (sketches, song, dance, readings)  
Vegetable sale  
Veteran car rally

### **W**

Walks  
Weigh-a-thons  
Welly-Throwing Contest (sell your tickets or ask for a donation at the end)  
Whist drive  
Who wants to be a millionaire

Window cleaning  
Wine & cheese party  
Wine and chocolate night  
Wine tasting  
World record beating attempt

**X**

Xmas Pantomime  
Xylophone Concert

**Y**

Yacht Race  
Yard Cleaning  
Yodelling Competition  
Yoga Demonstration  
Your own thing!

**Z**

Zany Ideas  
Zodiac Readings  
Zzzzz – a sponsored sleep in or even stay-awake!