



# FUN WAYS TO FUNDRAISE FOR SUSSEX GREEN LIVING!

#### **1. BIKE RIDE OR SPINATHON**

Gear up for some pedal-powered fundraising! Consider joining the iconic <u>London to Brighton Cycle</u> <u>Ride</u> or organise your own charity bike ride with a custom route. Another option is to host a Spinathon, either at local gyms or within your office space. Goldman Sachs, for example, hosted a successful Spinathon in their London office, featuring seven static bikes where teams of 10 rotated while colleagues supported them by making donations. The event was a remarkable success, raising over £45,000!"

## 2. BAKE SALE

Transform your office into a delightful cake shop full of tasty baked goodies as you fundraise, or consider running a regular tuck shop. This classic fundraising approach is one that everyone knows and loves, so don your pinnies and whip up a variety of sweet treats to sell on our behalf!

### **3. SKILLS AUCTION**

Whether Simon in Accounts is a DIY enthusiast or Angie in HR is a master at painting, a skill auction is a great way of fundraising at work. Auction your skills for specific prices, share your skills with your colleagues, and collect all of the money for your donation to the Charity. From baking to gardening, flower arranging to tennis coaching, we all have hidden skills and talents that we might never think would make a difference in the workplace. A skills auction is a great way to share those skills with your colleagues, and benefit from their skills, too.

## 4. CORPORATE HOSPITALITY EVENTS

Fundraise in style with a corporate dinner, charity ball, golf day, or clay shoot. Corporate events are a great way to get all your fellow employees together, especially if you work across multiple sites or from home. It's a great opportunity to include a bit of business networking by inviting your suppliers, clients, or local businesses. Whether you choose to chat, drink, and donate, or even incorporate other things from this list into your event, you will be sure to have a great time!

#### **5. CHARITY SALE**

We all have that drawer or cupboard that contains things we haven't worn or used for months (or even years!). Why not give those unused toys, clothes, shoes and bags to a new home, and pick something new up for yourself? If you're office-based, how about setting up a car boot sale in the car park or turning your desk into your very own sale stall? For those hybrid and remote workers, setting up an intranet or online marketplace would let you clear out and sell your items all year round. Decide on a set percentage per item to be donated to charity and get selling.

#### 6. WINE TASTING

Raise money while you socialise. Get your business together and host a wine-tasting event to fundraise for the Charity. You could host the wine-tasting event right in your office at the end of a long working week, or even hire out a venue especially for the occasion. Whatever you decide, you'll feel great for socialising while fundraising to benefit the lives of others, and remember to drink responsibly.

#### 7. TUTOR A TEAM MATE

We all excel in different areas within and outside of the workplace, so why not share your skillsets to raise money for charity? Set up a fundraiser with each colleague offering tutoring sessions in different areas of their expertise at a price and donate those profits to charity

#### 8. BEST FOOT FORWARD

Step away from your desk, put on your comfiest trainers and get walking! Not only are charity walks a great fundraiser, but it's also great for improving employee wellbeing and mental health, encouraging time away from your screen.

#### 9. SPONSORED CHALLENGE MONTH

A sponsored challenge is an empowering way for your colleagues to select a fundraising approach that resonates with them. Set a monthly fundraising target, whether it's £100 or £1,000, and encourage their creativity in securing sponsorships for that amount. If you're seeking inspiration for your fundraising challenge, consider reaching out to friends and family for valuable recommendations

#### **10. CUSTOM ART OR CRAFTWORK SALE**

Do you have talented amateur artists in your workplace? Corporate charity fundraising through arts and crafts enhances creativity and imagination, encourages problem-solving, promotes mental wellbeing, fosters teamwork, and creates a wonderful social atmosphere. Your colleagues can unleash their creative minds to create items freely or follow a theme and the crafted items can then be auctioned or sold at a set price, with all proceeds donated to Sussex Green Living. Alternatively, colleagues can commission specific pieces, adding a personalised touch to the fundraising initiative.

#### **11. VOLUNTEERING**

Do you have colleagues eager to contribute to their community beyond the office walls? Supporting staff volunteering aligns seamlessly with team-building, corporate social responsibility, and community objectives—all while raising fundraising! Your staff can actively participate with Sussex Green Living by engaging in public events with our eco float, assisting in a school day facilitated by your company's fundraising efforts, or volunteering at our monthly Sussex Green Hub. Consider setting a mission for a team to volunteer for a specific activity or duration, and the rest of the company can sponsor them for each hour they dedicate to the (ad)venture.

#### **12. CHARITY RUNS**

Participating in a charity run offers you and your colleagues a chance to experience a profound sense of purpose while engaging in a memorable challenge. Numerous national and local full and halfmarathons, as well as fun runs, provide ample opportunities for you and your team. Notably, one of our volunteers ran in the London Marathon for our cause! Consider training and participating in the local Barns Green Marathon. Find more information and sign up at https://runbarnsgreen.org.uk/signup/"

### **13. OFFICE QUIZ**

Over the past few years, online quiz nights have evolved into a family tradition. Whether your company operates remotely or on-site, organising an office quiz is an excellent way to fundraise and strengthen team bonds. Compile a set of questions, arrange teams, and ask for an entry fee or donation from each participant. For extra creativity, consider including some work-related questions to test your teammates' knowledge of the business, and their fellow employees. This fundraiser can seamlessly integrate into your company staff meeting or briefing agenda.

#### **14. THEMED DRESS DAY**

Whether you opt for a Disney-themed event or choose anything beginning with 'H,' a themed dress day stands out as one of the most engaging corporate fundraising ideas. Inspire your employees to unleash their creativity and assemble their finest outfits according to the chosen theme. To enhance the experience, consider complementing the dress day with a themed lunch buffet to bring the entire day together.

#### **15. VEGAS NIGHT**

Choose between Blackjack, Roulette, or Poker for a thrilling Vegas Night as a creative way to fundraise. This exciting event pairs seamlessly with corporate dinners, balls, or wine tasting

Sussex Green Living, The White House, Coneyhurst, Nr Billingshurst, West Sussex, RH14 9DH www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk Charity number 1189569 gatherings. Whether you're a newcomer to casino-style games or a poker-faced pro, planning a Vegas Night ensures there's something for everyone. Knowing that all your winnings contribute to a meaningful cause adds an extra layer of satisfaction to conclude the evening. Just a friendly reminder to gamble responsibly!

#### **16. GET FIT TOGETHER**

We're all aware of the advantages of getting fit and staying healthy, yet maintaining motivation can be challenging without the support and enthusiasm of those around us. This fundraising idea revolves around engaging in fitness activities with your colleagues. It can take various forms, from organising and contributing to a weekly yoga class to sponsoring teammates participating in a health-focused challenge of their choice..

#### **17. COMPANY PICNIC OR BBQ**

Searching for a summer fundraising idea? Embrace the season with a picnic or BBQ, a summer tradition we all know and love that can become an office ritual with a philanthropic twist. Fire up the grill with burgers, onions, and vegan hot dogs or coordinate a list of picnic foods for each colleague to contribute. Then, relish a social gathering with your colleagues while working towards a specific fundraising goal for charity. Whether you opt for donations upon entry or introduce engaging games to boost fundraising, the ball is in your court.

#### **18. COMPANY RAFFLE**

Tickets, please! Get your raffle ticket book at the ready and set a price per ticket for this exciting fundraising activity. Once your colleagues contribute prizes, the raffle can kick off. Consider reaching out to suppliers and local businesses for additional prize donations. This charity fundraising idea guarantees that some of your colleagues will leave with delightful goodies like cakes, jams, and champagne, while others might end up with unique items like a bottle of mustard and a wooden spoon!

#### **19. TREASURE OR EASTER EGG HUNT**

Embark on a treasure hunt adventure by hiding either actual treasures or chocolates (which we consider treasure!) throughout your site and unleash your employees to uncover their prizes. To add a fundraising element, consider hiding raffle tickets that correspond to various prizes, and ask employees to donate a fixed amount to participate. Alternatively, you can organise a virtual version with numerous online treasure hunt games and ideas available. If you're seeking a unique Christmas fundraising idea, this could be a novel twist for your Secret Santa festivities.

### **20. CHIC REVIVAL: STRUT YOUR STUFF FOR CHARITY**

Yearning to showcase much-loved and lesser-worn wardrobe items but lacking occasions to do so? We all have those cherished pieces that deserve the spotlight but haven't seen much action lately.

Sussex Green Living, The White House, Coneyhurst, Nr Billingshurst, West Sussex, RH14 9DH www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk Charity number 1189569 Why not elevate your corporate event or office gathering by organising a captivating catwalk fashion show? Employees can unveil those stunning gowns, suits, shoes, and bags that once stole their hearts but have been waiting for the perfect moment.

In this unique event, participating employees can select their favourite piece from their fashion archives, pay a donation, and gracefully parade along a catwalk, easily delineated in the available space. This not only allows them to relish wearing their treasured item once more but also contributes to a charitable cause, adding a meaningful touch to the occasion

#### WHY FUNDRAISE FOR SUSSEX GREEN LIVING?

We owe our ability to address urgent climate and ecological crises to the invaluable help and support from all our fundraisers and supporters. Every activity, challenge, or event you choose to undertake, and whatever amount you raise, contributes significantly to our mission of inspiring people to take action. Thank you for collaborating with us in building a better future for all.

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