BOSP A TO Z OF FUNDRAISING IDEAS

BOSP relies on kind donations and fundraising to provide its services. As well as the obvious benefits to BOSP, fundraising can have a very positive impact on the life of the fundraiser! There are many different ways to get involved and help raise vital funds for us and here are some ideas. Some on a small scale and some much larger if you have the time and energy!

If you require leaflets or words of introduction to help you with your idea, please do not hesitate to contact BOSP on 01268 553117 or by email to community@bosp.co.uk We can also assist you to set up your own fundraising page with Just Giving or provide you with sponsorship forms to help you collect sponsorship funds!

Auctions – Organise a charity auction or take unwanted goods to your local auction house to sell on your behalf. Local auctions include Brentwood – 01277 224599, Rayleigh – 01268 777122 or Chalkwell near Southend-on-Sea – 01702 613260. Ideal for selling antiques, porcelain or for house clearances.

Baby Face – Get work colleagues or members of a club to bring in photographs of them as a baby. Stick them all up on a large piece of paper or card and charge participants a fee to guess who they all are. Offer a prize from the proceeds to the person who gets them all correct.

Bag Packing at Local Supermarket – Ask your local supermarket if you can take BOSP fundraising pots or buckets into the store and fundraise by packing bags for a few hours.

Bike Rides (sponsored) – There are lots of organised sponsored rides you can get involved in, or if you prefer, plan your own route.

Birthday Presents – Fed up with the usual 'Soap on a Rope'? Why not ask friends/family to donate to BOSP in lieu of presents.

Boot Sale – Collect items through BOSP or friends and family. Hold a stall and donate the proceeds to BOSP.

Car Washing – In your neighbourhood, or perhaps at work or in fire stations etc.

Charity Christmas Cards – We have excellent quality Christmas cards, each priced at £3 per pack. Inside the cards and on the back is our logo and charity details. Why not take a block of 10 or more and see if you can sell them on our behalf to friends/family and work colleagues.

Chocolate for Donations – Run your own 'Charity Tuckshop'. Bulk buy chocolate bars and have them on display along with BOSP posters and collection pots, offering customers/colleagues the chance to make a donation for a chocolate bar.

Clothes Sale – Ask friends and family to donate items of clothing and shoes. Hang items on rails in size order at home and invite friends round for a clothes sale. Charge an entrance fee, and for each item they wish to take home or sell items on Vinted or Ebay for BOSP. You could sell coffee and cakes also!

Coffee Morning – Good at baking cakes or perhaps a friend is? Why not hold a coffee morning at home, your local hall or place of work and sell hot drinks and a piece of cake? BOSP can help with posters and invitations!

Come Dine with Me – Take it in turns with friends/family to host a dinner party over the course of a couple of months. Charge £20 per person each night, donating the proceeds to BOSP.

Cream Tea Party – Hold a tea party with scones, jam and cream at home and charge friends and family. Why not put on an old film or musical for entertainment? You can download or hire many classics from your local library very cheaply. Profits can go to BOSP.

Disco – Are you good at organising? Why not plan a children's disco in your local hall? You could charge an entry fee, with all profits going to BOSP.

Dress Down Day at Work – Why not organise a dress down day or a wear 'Yellow and Blue' day (BOSP Colours) at work or your local school to raise funds for BOSP. You could charge £1 each or whatever people wish to donate.

Easter Egg Hunt – Pop down to your local supermarket or wholesalers and purchase a variety of eggs. Invite family and friends with children to take part in an Easter egg hunt in your garden. If your garden is too small, borrow someone else's or the local park. You can take what you spent out of the proceeds from the ticket sales and donate the profit to BOSP.

Face Painting – Are you good at this or do you know a face painter who would donate their time for free? Perhaps you could combine this with the coffee morning or Easter egg hunt.

Food Competition – How about a 'Bake Off'? You could hold this at home amongst friends and family or at your local club or place of worship/school/pre-school/workplace. You could charge participants to enter and get their entries judged. BOSP staff are very good at judging cakes!!

Football Tournament – Do you or your children belong to a football club? If so how about organising an event with proceeds going to BOSP.

Golf – How about organising a charity golf tournament at your club?

Halloween Party – How about arranging a Halloween party at home or in a hall for your children and friends/family? You could charge an entrance fee or put on some games and charge per game. Some ideas include: Pin the Tail on the Black Cat: Draw a cat on an A3 sized piece of paper and cut out a bunch of tails with sticky tack on one end. Blindfold the children/adults! Turn them round twice and see how near they get. Spaghetti Worms: Break uncooked spaghetti in half and cook. Place the cold drained pasta in a large glass jug or bowl. Add a few coins of different value, or wrapped gifts. Give the participants an allotted time to delve into the jar of 'worms' to see what they can find. Doughnut Dare: String iced ring doughnuts onto a piece of string and tie the ends across the room, or get two adults to hold them up at participants head height. Ask participants to hold their hands behind their backs and see who can be the first to bite their doughnut! Happy Haunting!

Jumble Sale – Ask for donated clothes and hire your local hall to sell your items in. Most local halls charge very little for charity events, or are sometimes free. Advertise at BOSP on our website, and on Facebook and place adverts in local newspapers and local 'what's-on' guides. Again, this is often free if the funds are going to a charity. This would require a team of fundraisers- How about friends and family?

Lucky Square – Draw a grid of 100 squares on A1 paper and number them. Charge £1 or £2 per square for people to choose a number. Write their name on the square, then when full, pick a number out of a hat and the lucky square wins a quarter/half of the proceeds raised/prize.

Marathon Events – How about a group of friends of colleagues getting together to hold a marathon event where you work in shifts over a period of time. Perhaps aim for the Guinness Book of Records! You could try dancing, darts, tennis, swimming, walking. The list is endless.

Murder Mystery Evening – Kits can be bought very reasonably containing invitations with dress code, CD's and clues, in fact all you need to hold a fun and successful 'Who Done it?' mystery evening. You could provide the food, or ask guests to bring a course each, and charge a participation fee.

Mud Runs – How about 'Tough Mudder' or the 'Nuclear Mud Races' in Brentwood, tough, gritty runs with military style obstacles or the more gentle, but just as muddy 'Maldon Mud Run'? All superb fun! Check their websites at www.nuclear-races.co.uk and www.toughmudder.co.uk and www.maldonmudrace.com

New Year Eve Party/Gathering – Charging guests an entry fee!

On-line Auction Sites – Sell your own or your friends unwanted goods on-line, and donate to BOSP.

Pamper Party – Invite your friends over for an afternoon or evening of pampering. You do not have to be experts: Play some relaxing music; Put on face masks; Fill washing up bowls with hot water and soak your feet; Paint each other's finger/toenails. Bliss! Charge friends an entrance fee.

Photographic Competitions – organise a competition – perhaps have a theme, i.e. portraits; wildlife; landscape etc. Ask your local photographic club or friend to judge. Charge an entrance fee.

Quiz Nights – Organise a quiz in your local hall. A lot of halls can be hired for free or for a very low cost if for charity. Include a raffle if possible. You could donate chocolate to the winning table and lemons to the last team.

Recycling for BOSP – Donate your old mobile phones to raise funds for BOSP.

Running – Ever fancied the local half marathons? Perhaps get your running club to hold a sponsored race for BOSP, or you could take part in the local annual Brentwood Half Marathon (www.brentwoodhalf.org).

Swear Box – Place boxes around your office or home. Put in some silver every time someone slips up.

Teddy Bears' Picnic – This is ideal if you have toddlers and/or small children. Invite friends with their young children round with their teddies for a picnic in the garden. If the weather is not fair, you can still hold it indoors. Lay blankets on the floor and serve sandwiches and nibbles. Charge an entrance fee.

Theme Days – If the 'Dress Down Day' is not fun enough for your office, why not hold a French/Italian Day, 1970's/1980's etc. Charge for all participants.

Ultra Challenge Series – Walk, jog or run at your own pace on the Ultra Challenge Series event of your choice in aid of BOSP. Check out the Ultra Challenge Event brochure at www.ultrachallenge.com

Virtual Events – Organise your own virtual event – A Quiz, Afternoon Tea, Wine & Cheese Tasting, Curry & Chat, Friday Night Drinks, Most Unusual Outfit Competition, Bingo. Charge everyone a participation fee. Live Auction – everyone donate an unwanted item and auction off between your virtual guests. Great for getting together with friends and family abroad or who do not live nearby.

Walking – Join us by taking part in the Virtual Billericay Fun Walk in September each year, your walk can be done anywhere, throughout the month! There are two suggested walks to aim for, 2k or 5k. If you wish to support us by walking for BOSP, please contact The BOSP Office.

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Please refer to 'Fundraising in aid of BOSP - Essential Information'
Good luck and thank you for all your support!

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