

## Ideas and guidelines for parish fundraising

Here are some ideas to help you with your fundraising activities. Most are probably familiar things you have already heard of. Whatever you decide to do, the basic principle is that it should 1) raise money 2) should be enjoyable.

Before you start planning, we would like to encourage you, not to do any sponsored fundraising just now! We are going to do \* something, somewhere \* as a team in March and you wouldn't want to approach the same people twice to sponsor you for something you do. If you already have arranged a sponsored activity, don't worry. Otherwise there are plenty of possibilities that don't involve sponsoring. Check out our ideas sheet!

I am sure you'll come up with many more ideas. Here are some **general tips** about organizing fundraising events.

- Before you start planning, speak to your priest or parish youth leader. To hold an event at the churches premises you will need permission. Once you've got the go-ahead, it'll make things much easier to get other people on board to help you.
- Draw up a plan and budgets. Try to keep costs low.
- Use your networking skills and get out and talk to people.
- Publicise your event, if you're feeling creative make some flyers or posters. Ask if it can be mentioned in the parish newsletter.
- Sell your tickets prior to the event.
- Check your event is safe (no selling of rotten fish or open-fire spit-roasting!)
- Make the venue look nice (the fun bit!)
- Make sure you thank everyone who helped.

### Top Tips

- Simple ideas are often the best
- Plan in advance
- Contacts: ask people to help
- Costs: keep them as low as possible
- Publicity: get as much as you can
- Say thank you

Don't forget – any problems, questions, or thank you gifts going spare – please do not hesitate to contact Lizi on 01844 273337 or pyd@nymo.org. All cheques made payable to NYMO. God Luck!

