

Fundraising Ideas



To set up a fundraising page online, you can use the **JustGiving, BT My Donate, or Virgin Money Giving** websites. Search the charities for Church Homeless Trust. Then follow their instructions for creating a fundraising page. If you would like support to do this, get in touch.

You can use Facebook to raise funds for your birthday or special event: visit facebook.com/churchhomelesstrust and click 'Fundraisers' on the left hand side.

Sponsored activities

- Cycling
- Dancing
- Dog walking
- Dress-up day
- Indoor games
- Marathon
- Sky-diving
- Sockless day
- Sunflower growing
- Walking

Events

- Bake / bring and buy sale
- Coffee morning
- Flower festival
- Film evening
- Music concert / performance
- Pantomime
- Poetry recital
- Promise auction
- Talent show
- Quiz night

At your church / organisation

- Sleep out (see overleaf)
- Charity of the Month
- Carol singing
- Candlelit Mass
- Concerts / plays / performances
- Talks / commemorations

In the community

- Barbecue
- Book sale
- Car wash
- Fete
- Football tournament
- Garden open day
- Poppy planting
- Sponsored walk
- Swim-a-thon
- Vehicle rally

For kids

- Blanket-fort evening
- Collect spare change
- Non-uniform school day
- Obstacle course
- Shoebox collections
- Superheroes party
- Thankfulness day
- Treasure hunt

For adults

- Bingo
- Darts competition
- International dinner
- Jazz evening
- Jewellery making / sale
- Murder mystery night
- Opera night
- Raffle
- Yoga-thon
- Walk to work
- Wine & cheese evening

Seasonal

- Valentine's Day ball
- Lent fast
- Easter egg hunt
- Eurovision party
- Summer fair
- Harvest festival collection
- Christmas card competition
- Unwanted gifts sale

Just have fun!

- Head shave / dye
- Jam making
- Karaoke contest
- Kite flying competition
- Knit-a-thon
- Loud tie day
- Medieval banquet
- Scrabble contest
- Yellow day

Holding a sleep out

Sleep outs can be a fun way to engage your community, especially if you already have access to a suitable venue, such as a church hall.

Although it does not compare to what people with no permanent accommodation have to face, a sleep out can provide a valuable starting point for discussions about homelessness, and encourage people to get involved and raise money.



To organise a sleep out, you will need:

- Willing participants
- A suitable venue and full safety guidelines for an overnight event. These should cover having the premises approved for overnight use; safeguarding such as ratios of adults to children; health and safety; permission forms; emergency contacts, etc.
- Cardboard - and make sure people bring sleeping bags and blankets!
- Hot and cold drinks, and food or snacks
- Phone for emergencies and taking photos
- Suitable clothing and protection (especially if outdoors)
- First Aid Kit / First Aiders
- Torch
- Rubbish bag

What next?

- Visit **JustGiving**, **BT My Donate**, **Virgin Money Giving**, or **Facebook**, search for Church Homeless Trust, and then follow their instructions to make a fundraising event page. Then share it through email, social media, posters, word of mouth, and any other ways you can think of to get people to donate!
- You can also collect cash donations, cheques, or pledges. We can supply sponsorship forms, Gift Aid envelopes, and collection boxes.
- You might want to start the night off with a talk from Church Homeless Trust to get participants thinking more about homelessness and the reasons behind the sleep out. We can send a member of staff or an ambassador to do this. Please remember to give us plenty of notice so that we have enough time to arrange this for you. If we cannot join you, we will be able to support you with plenty of information and leaflets.
- Arrange some other games or entertainment to keep your sleepers happy.
- Take lots of photos! Make sure you get permission from participants to share them with us @ChurchHomelessT or send them to info@churchhomelesstrust.org.uk

Have a great night!