Your tried and tested **Winter fundraising ideas**



We've pulled together some of our best seasonal fundraising ideas that are both easy and effective! All of these ideas work just as well in public, in groups or virtually.

You may wish to charge an entry fee for friends or colleagues to take part in these fun activities and may even choose to award prizes to the winners of each challenge! Most of all, have fun and enjoy yourself whilst knowing you are making a difference to the 2.5 million patients who will benefit from your fundraising efforts.

We advise all of our supporters to set up a JustGiving page. Setting up an online fundraising platform will not only give you a place to direct people to make an online donation, but it will also allow you to keep track of your fundraising.

Christmas Jumper Day

Take part in Christmas Jumper Day and award a prize for the best dressed or most festive. If the dedicated date in December doesn't work for you, pick your own preferred date and collect donations to take part.

Secret Santa

Instead of holding an office Secret Santa gift swap this year, you could ask colleagues to donate the usual amount you'd spend to charity.



Christmas cards

This year, instead of buying Christmas cards for everyone, donate the money you would usually spend – you'll be helping the environment too!

Best bauble competition

Get in the festive spirit and organise a bauble decorating competition with colleagues. Charge per entry and ask your boss to judge the fanciest bauble.

Twinkle twinkle

Get crafty and cut out some star shaped cards, number them and sell to friends, family or work colleagues as a festive raffle. Pick the winning number out of a hat and split the money you have raised between the Charity and the lucky winner.



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No to nicotine

Perhaps your New Year's resolution is to kick the nicotine? Turn your resolution into a fundraising activity and raise money for a great cause. Ask friends and family to sponsor you for every week you don't smoke. You could also donate some of the extra money you've saved on giving up to top up your fundraising!

Set yourself a New Year challenge

Set yourself a challenge and push yourself out of your comfort zone by doing a sponsored walk, run or cycle! Not only will you pick up a new hobby but you'll also reap the added health benefits too.

Burns Night

Celebrate Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns on 25th January, by holding a wee celebration of your own! Ask guests to make a donation, wear tartan, eat tatties and maybe even indulge in some deep-fried Mars bars!

National Popcorn Day

To mark National Popcorn Day in January, arrange a special film night at home, ask for donations from friends and family to attend.





National Brownie Day

Organise a brownie bake-off competition in December and ask everyone for a donation to enter.

Valentine's Day

Organise a romantic themed tombola with chocolates and wine as a prize, then sell tickets and donate the proceeds!



Pancake Day

Put your pancake flipping skills to the test and ask friends and family to join in. See who can flip their pancake the most without dropping it to determine your winner.

Oscars movie party

Do you know an Oscar-winning performance when you see one? Put together an Oscars sweepstake, requesting a donation per entry and see who can guess this year's winners.

National Cupcake Day

Ask all of your baking friends if they would be willing to bake cupcakes to sell on this delectable day in December and sell your baked goods in the work place, donating the proceeds to our Charity.



We can support you with planning your activity and would love to hear how your fundraising is going.

Please get in touch with the Events Team on **charity.events@mft.nhs.uk** or call **0161 276 4522** for any further information or advice.







