

# Ways to fundraise

## Organise an event

Have you ever thought about organising an event or adding a charitable dimension to something you already do? A birthday party or anniversary is often a good moment to ask people to make a donation in lieu of presents. Old favourites like a coffee morning or afternoon tea never go out of fashion and dinner party events such as a curry evening for family and friends is an increasingly popular way to raise funds whilst having a good time.

Throughout the year there are opportunities to organise events such as quiz nights and barn dances. For people with a particular hobby or interest, an artist could hold an open studio day and a keen gardener could organise a garden party or open day.

If you would like to organise an event, VST will send you an A-Z list of fundraising together with tips and advice on getting the best out of an event or initiative. Whatever you choose as your fundraising event, VST will offer support advice and help along the way.

## Organise a challenge event

Mass participation events and challenges have never been more popular. If there is a burning desire in you to try something new why not ask people to sponsor you to do it. There are plenty of independently organised running, walking, cycling or skydiving challenge events around the country and indeed internationally for you to choose from. The Virgin London Marathon is just one example. [For more information, please contact us.](#)

## Staff fundraising

Staff fundraising, charity dress down days, raffles and quiz nights, team building sessions with a charitable aspect is often a highlight in the workplace calendar. If your company is looking to support a charity with an overseas interest then, Village Service Trust would be delighted to assist you.

Our Programmes Fundraising Manager is on hand with advice, materials and support to help make fundraising as engaging, enjoyable and easy as possible. Fundraising at work is a good way to get people working together, to develop new skills and to boost morale. Many companies run a match giving scheme whereby they will match the amount you raise up to a certain amount.

## Service organisations, societies and committees

Are you a member of a community group or society that would take on VST as a worthwhile charity to support either through a one-off event or over the course of a season or year? It may be that your group would want to support a range of local, national and international charities. Could VST be the international charity of choice?

We would be delighted to count on your support. VST is able to provide you with resources such as newsletters, photos, case studies for a display and a DVD film to help you tell your group about our work.

**Fundraise online:** There are lots of ways you can raise money for VST with just a few clicks.

### Easyfundraising

[Easyfundraising](#) is a directory of over 600 online stores including Argos, Next, Debenhams, Boots, Amazon, and HMV. Just use the directory whenever you shop online and, at no extra cost to you, we'll receive a donation of up to 15% from every purchase you make! It's free to register and many retailers offer exclusive Easyfundraising discounts.

### eBay for Charity

Support VST while [buying or selling on eBay](#). Simply select VST when listing an item and choose to donate between 10-100% of your final selling price. Alternatively, support us just by buying any item sold by sellers supporting VST. In addition, all eBay for Charity items qualify for a fee credit on eBay fees equal to the percentage donated.

### Everyclick

[Everyclick](#) gives you lots of ways to raise more money for VST. You can search the web and raise money for VST for free, make an online donation, launch an appeal and organise sponsorship and even raise money by shopping online with leading retailers.