

# FUNDRAISING IDEAS FOR GALWAY SIMON COMMUNITY

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### **Aerobics**

Especially fun with retro clothes! Organise a sponsored aerobathon with the help of your local gym or leisure centre.

### **Afternoon Tea**

Take inspiration from Alice and Wonderland and throw your family, friends or colleagues a tea party.

### **Arts & Crafts Fair**

Put your creative talents into action and sell your works of art at a craft fair.

### **Auction of Promises**

Ask local businesses to donate their services for you to auction off. Or rope in your friends, who could promise to wash cars, cut grass or do housework for the highest bidder.

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### **Barbeque**

Held in your garden – ask guests to pay a small fee to attend, then provide them with food and drink for free.

### **Beard Shaving**

Have someone agree to have their beard, head, back or legs shaved once a certain amount of money has been raised.

### **Book Sale**

Get all your friends and relatives to clear out their book shelves and donate the books to you to sell.

### **Bungee Jump**

Raise sponsorship by flying in the face of fear.

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## **Cake Sale**

Let the Delia or Jamie Oliver in you loose. Get baking and sell your cakes on to your friends, work colleagues or random strangers.

## **Car Wash**

Wash cars at shopping centre or office car parks.

## **Carol Singing Concert**

Bring people together to raise their voices whilst also raising funds to transform the lives of people experiencing homelessness. Entice people along with the promise of mince pies and mulled wine!

## **Coffee Morning**

Always a good fundraiser and a great way to catch up with friends/family.

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## **Dinner Dance**

This one will take some organising, but could raise lots of money. Charge for tickets, hold a raffle or auction (ask local businesses to donate prizes).

## **Disco**

Find a venue and ask a local DJ to donate his service for free. You could even theme it (salsa, 70's night, ballroom dancing...). Invite your friends and have yourselves a ball!

## **Dog Walk**

Get some exercise and raise money at the same time. Offer your services as the neighbour dog walker and charge per dog per walk.

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## **Egg and Spoon Race**

Think back to your school sport's days. All you need is some spoons, some eggs, some willing volunteers and it a bit of space in which to race. Charge participants to enter, with the winner of the race being awarded a small prize.

## **Eco day**

Dress in green and do good deeds for the day, like litter picking and recycling your rubbish. Remember to get sponsored for all the activities you do. Set up a sponsorship page on [Just Giving](#) to make collecting money easier, or contact Amy on 091 381828 to request a sponsorship card.

## Exhibition

Get local arts and crafts groups (wood turners, jewellery or pottery makers, painters etc.) to hold an exhibition of their work. Ask for an admission fee and ask exhibitors to pay a fee for their pitch.

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## Face Painting

Put your artistic talents to good use and paint people's faces. You could have a themed face painting day such as of animals or characters from a book. Remember to charge for your works of face painting art.

## Fancy Dress Days

Pay to wear fancy dress or dress down to work or school and fine those that don't make the effort. Non-uniform days at school are always popular. In the office have crazy tie, bad hat or yellow and blue only days. April Fools Day is ideal for this.

## Five a Side Football

Challenge your friends, colleagues or teachers to a five a side tournament as part of a football fundraiser. Each team pays to play.

## Fun Run

Dust off your running shoes, add a yellow tutu and run for fun. Organise your own fun run or join a sponsored event. Set up a sponsorship page on [Just Giving](#) to make collecting money easier, or contact Amy on 091 381828 to request a sponsorship card.

## €5 into €50

Give friends or volunteer fundraisers a sum of money (€5) and a time limit (three months) to increase this by devising a money-generating activity. Ideas include: planting vegetable seeds and selling produce; baking and selling cakes; investing. Award prizes for the most ingenious idea.

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## Game Show

Host a mock version of Who Wants To Be A Millionaire or The Weakest Link.

## Give it up!

Get sponsored to go without something. Give up speaking for a day, computer games for a week, or chocolate for a month! Donate the money you save, set up a sponsorship page on [Just Giving](#), or contact Amy on 091 381828 to request a sponsorship card.

## Guess the Number (balloons in a car, sweets in a jar)

Have a lot of fun challenging your friends to guess the quantity in the jar or car.

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## **Halloween Party**

Another excuse to dress up and party. Charge entrance fees and raise money trick or treating.

## **Hula Hoop Contest**

How many times can you spin the hula hoop? Organise a hula hoop-athon. Don't forget to get sponsored by the spin, or the length of time you keep the hoop going. Set up a sponsorship page on [Just Giving](#) to make collecting money easier, or contact Amy on 091 381828 to request a sponsorship card.

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## **Instead of Presents**

Celebrate a special occasion such as a birthday or wedding – ask your guests to help you make a gift that will make a difference to so many lives.

## **It's a Knockout**

Organise an It's a Knockout competition – fun for all the family. Either make it a sponsored event or pay to play. Set up a sponsorship page on [Just Giving](#) to make collecting money easier, or contact Amy on 091 381828 to request a sponsorship card.

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## **Jewellery Making/Selling**

Put your creative jewellery making skills to good use and hold a sale with what you make. Share your skills with others and teach your friends how to make that perfect accessory.

## **Jumble Sales**

Reduce, reuse and recycle – the perfect opportunity to hold a fundraiser jumble sale. See if you can turn your trash into cash.

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## **Karaoke**

Impress your friends with your singing ability – try out your favourite tunes. Sell tickets, or make it a competition and charge people to enter. Get a local company to donate a prize.

## **Knitting Competition**

How long is that scarf? Challenge your friends to a knit-off. You could sell or auction

your work of art too.

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### **Litter Picking**

Get sponsored on a mass litter pick afternoon and look after the local environment too. Set up a sponsorship page on [Just Giving](#) to make collecting money easier, or contact Amy on 091 381828 to request a sponsorship card.

### **Local Races and Marathons**

Take advantage of any [local races](#) that are established in your area. Book a place and ask friends for sponsorship. Set up a sponsorship page on [Just Giving](#) to make collecting money easier, or contact Amy on 091 381828 to request a sponsorship card.

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### **Masterclasses**

Are you good at something? Why not organise a small class to show other people how to do it? Charge an entrance fee or collect donations.

### **Matched Giving**

Many employers will match some or all of the sponsorship you raise. It's a great way to increase your fundraising so check with your manager or HR to see if your company takes part in a matched giving scheme.

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### **Nature Trails**

Know a bit about the wildlife in your area? Organise a guided nature walk and charge a small fee.

### **New Year's Resolutions**

Get sponsored to stick to your new year's resolutions. Set up a sponsorship page on [Just Giving](#) to make collecting money easier, or contact Amy on 091 381828 to request a sponsorship card.

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### **Odd Job Day**

Charge a fee for all those odd jobs around the house that need doing.

### **Open Garden Day**

Open your garden to visitors. Sell tickets, refreshments, plants and vegetables.

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## **Picnics**

Sell tickets in advance; with a little imagination you can make great, fun picnic food from cheap ingredients.

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## **Quiet in the Classroom - Sponsored Silence**

Make your teacher or parents happy by remaining quiet for a few hours, or even a whole day, with this popular fundraising activity. Remember to get sponsored too! Set up a sponsorship page on [Just Giving](#) to make collecting money easier, or contact Amy on 091 381828 to request a sponsorship card.

## **Quiz Night**

Arrange your venue well in advance, source prizes, a good MC and promote your event through colleagues, friends and at the venue.

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## **Raffle**

Everyone loves to win prizes so try organising a private raffle. Ask your local shops, restaurants, hotels and cinema for prizes or vouchers. Give yourself lots of time to sell the tickets. Be aware that if you plan to sell tickets publicly you would require a license from the Gardaí. Great on its own but this also works well as an extra idea at any fundraising event.

## **Running & Marathon Events**

As another great fundraising idea, you can take part in a sponsored run or fundraise for Galway Simon Community by running a marathon! Find organised runs in Ireland in 2016 on our list of [upcoming events](#).

## **Read-athon**

How many books can you read over a short period of time? Get sponsored per page or, for fast readers, per book. Set up a sponsorship page on [Just Giving](#) to make collecting money easier, or contact Amy on 091 381828 to request a sponsorship card.

## **Rounders Tournament**

Challenge your friends and teachers to a fundraiser rounders match. Remember it is pay to play.

## **Recycling**

You can recycle spent ink cartridges, collect left over foreign coins from your holiday or even donate your car! Turn your trash into cash.

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## **Stalls**

Set up a variety of stalls, from plants or cakes to recycled goods, and create your own mini €1 bazaar.

## **Sponsorship Ideas and Sponsored Events**

Remember when organising a fundraising event to think about adding a sponsorship element – it's a great way of collecting your money. Think of clever ideas that your friends and family can sponsor you for and don't forget your Galway Simon sponsorship page!

## **Swim-athon**

Swim the distance for Galway Simon. Get sponsored per length... or per mile!

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## **Talent contest**

Hold a contest to showcase the talents of your friends and family! Organise a collection or charge at the door for entry.

## **Treasure Hunt**

Create a treasure hunt and challenge your friends to find what you have hidden. Pay to play.

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## **Ugly face pulling competition**

A prize for the most outrageous face – make sure you get photographic evidence! Each entrant pays to play.

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## **Vintage Party**

Get a taste of a bygone era with a vintage event. You'll have fun researching what people wore - from togas in Cleopatra's ancient Egypt to a medieval Irish monk to a 1920s flapper!

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## **Waxing**

A hair-raising experience for the boys. Get sponsored to wax your legs or chest.

## **Wine & Cheese Party**

A very easy (and tasty) fundraiser! Simply choose a date that suits your circle and ask your guests for donations. Approach local supermarkets to enlist their support. It may well become an annual fundraising event.

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## **X-Factor Competition**

Give local talent a chance to shine on stage. Secure a good local venue, charge admission on the door and include a raffle to boost your fundraising total.

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## **Yoga Class**

Are you a self-confessed Yogi who knows a tree pose from a downward dog? Why not why not run a not-for profit class, your pupils will not only have invested in their own health but also have the added satisfaction that they have made a difference to other people's wellbeing too?

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## **Zumbathon**

If you're feeling energetic and want a physical challenge that lots of people can take part in, this is a great way to raise sponsorship together.

# Get fundraising

Good luck with all your fundraising and thank you so much for your support. The money you raise will be put straight to work, helping to give someone who is homeless or at risk of homelessness the stability, support and safety they need to find a way out of their current difficulties.

We would love to hear about your fundraising activities. Take photos of what you do and send them to [amy.lavelle@galwaysimon.ie](mailto:amy.lavelle@galwaysimon.ie) so we can celebrate your success by sharing them with our supporters.



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