



A-Z of CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING IDEAS

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Welcome to our A-Z of Christmas fundraising ideas, which will help you get in the festive spirit and raise funds for people affected by cancer.

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A graphic featuring the letters 'A-Z' in a large, white, rounded font, set against a dark green, textured brushstroke background. The letters are arranged in a horizontal line, with 'A' on the left and 'Z' on the right. The background has a rough, painterly edge.

Advent calendar countdown

Who doesn't love counting down the days to Christmas? This year, share in the fun with everyone at work by taking it in turns to open an advent calendar – for a small donation, of course. If you can raise £25, you'll be helping Macmillan fund a nurse for an hour.

Be a star

Instead of swapping cards this Christmas, suggest to workmates that you all make a donation. If you download our Be a Star at Christmas poster from be.macmillan.org.uk, colleagues can write up their festive messages while leaving a gift to help us with our work.

Creative at Christmas

Organise a crafty Christmas fair selling seasonal goodies made by your colleagues – this could be anything from baubles to mince pies. And if you want to get the pros involved, ask local businesses to join in if they'll donate a percentage to Macmillan.

Deck your desk with bells and holly

Speed decorating. You may never have heard of it. But to play, just challenge everyone to spend a lunch hour making their workspace as Christmassy as possible. Then ask a panel of judges to give a prize to the best (or most outlandish) desk.

Elf auction

First of all, you need some amazing volunteers. Then you need an auction hammer. Once you have both of these things, you're all set to auction off your elves. And what does the highest bidder get? A pair of helping hands around the office all day.

Festive fivers

This one couldn't be easier. Simply ask everyone to write their name on a fiver, pop it in a hat (preferably a Santa one) and pick a winner. Then split the pot between your lucky winner and Macmillan.

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Guess the little angel

Cue the sound of 'Aww'. Yup, this fundraiser is all about baby pics. Ask everyone at work to bring in photos of themselves as a tot and then get workmates to guess who's who for a £1 donation.

Hark the herald angels sing

One of the best things about carol singing is that no matter how good you are, everyone can join in. So whether you can hold a tune or not, why not form a choir and belt out some classic carols with workmates? Or you could ask your local junior school to come in and sing to you.

Icing on the Christmas cake

There's probably a good chance you've put icing on a cake before. But we bet you haven't done it blindfolded. Bring a little **Generation Game** to your office and ask colleagues to give it a go – and don't forget to eat the messy results.

Jingle bells

Christmas parties wouldn't be the same without the DJ rocking a few naff tunes. This year, put a collection box next to the decks and ask people to make a donation every time they request a track. And remember, the cheesier the better.

Karaoke carols

Karaoke. The highlight of many a Christmas party. Why not sponsor workmates to step up to the mic and take on some seasonal classics? It could be anything from Bing Crosby to Slade and Wham.

Last hour's pay

As a gesture of generosity, ask colleagues if they'll be kind enough to donate their last hour's pay before Christmas. You'll be signing off for the holiday period while helping Macmillan support people affected by cancer every step of the way.



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Mince pie bake off

Do any of your colleagues fancy themselves as culinary wizards? Assemble a team of lucky judges for a mince pie bake off and find out whose pies are really the best. As they say, the proof is in the pudding.

Naughty but nice

Sweets may not be all that good for you, but they do taste mightily nice. And what better time for treating yourself than Christmas? So how about getting colleagues to donate some sweets and organising a good old fashioned tuck shop with the profits going to Macmillan.

Old and unwanted gifts

We all have them. Those old gifts which are sitting at the bottom of a drawer or in the back of the wardrobe. Well, help give those gifts a home by organising a bring and buy sale at work. Not to mention you'll also be saving people from all the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping.

Pledge to make a difference

How are you at staying on top of New Year's resolutions? Set one with workmates, such as running a marathon or going on a hike, and you can help spur each other on. To see all of our fundraising opportunities, visit macmillan.org.uk/fundraise

Quiz

Christmas is a great time for a quiz – especially if you find a cosy pub to host it. All you need to do is find some questions online, choose a quiz master, rustle up some prizes and away you go. Now, who can name all of Santa's reindeer?

Rudolph the red nosed reindeer

You've probably played pin the tail on the donkey, but have you tried pinning the nose on Rudolph? Blindfold your colleagues, charge them £1 to enter and give a prize to whoever is 'on the nose' with their attempt.



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Secret Santa

Instead of spending £5 on Secret Santa pressies, ask your colleagues to set the limit at £4 and have everyone donate that spare £1 to Macmillan.

Trolley of treats

Cram a trolley with festive treats and take it around the workplace, tempting your colleagues' taste buds with everything from mince pies to Christmas cake.

Under the mistletoe

Bring a smile to everyone's face with some workplace mistletoe. For £1 a peck, it'll give you a chance to spread some Christmas cheer while also raising money for our vital work.

Vogue anyone?

For a small joining fee, set up a magazine swap shop at work to share everyone's favourite reads. Whether workmates prefer celebrity gossip or film reviews, it'll give them the chance to broaden their horizons.

Wrap up nicely

Imagine not having to spend hours wrapping up presents every year. For many, we're sure that'd be a gift in itself. Well, if you set up a Christmas wrapping station at work, some kind volunteers could do it all for you for a small donation.

Xmas crackers

Invite your colleagues to hold a cheese and mulled wine evening after work. If you're feeling really festive, why not serve mulled wine and a cheese fondue while sporting your favourite reindeer jumper?

Yuletide traditions

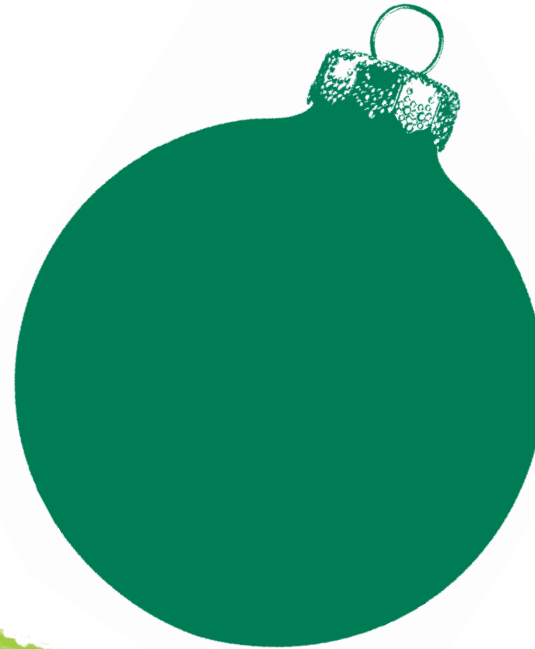
Did you know 'yuletide' originally referred to the 12 days of Christmas? This year, why not celebrate this period by arranging a small fundraising event for each day?

Zzz ...

Pay £5 to enter a draw to win the chance for a day off work and a priceless lie in. With the season of late night shopping (and later night Christmas parties) coming up, we're sure a day off will be a welcome early present.



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