



# Knimble Knitters fundraising ideas



This sheet gives you some exciting ideas on mini fundraising events which you can organise to raise more Knimble Knitters sponsorship.

## DAY-TO-DAY FUNDRAISING

- Take your sponsorship form with you wherever you go – you never know when you might meet someone to sponsor you.
- If you have an email account, email everyone you know to let them know what you are doing. Encourage them to sponsor you, or even try to get your friends to join you and enter the knitting competition. You could hold a friendly competition between yourselves to see who can raise the most sponsorship.
- Set up a Knimble Knitters 'Everyday Hero' or 'Justgiving' online fundraising page (see instruction sheets) and send this to everyone you know.

## EASY FUNDRAISING IDEAS

### At work

- Get people to sponsor you to wear a different item of knitted clothing to work each day one week – encourage your colleagues to sponsor you more money the sillier your item of knitwear is.
- Hold a sponsored 'knit-a-thon' during one lunchtime – ask your colleagues to join you as you try to make as much progress in your competition entry, in your lunch hour, as possible. You could hold a sweepstake for the number of rows you can knit in a lunch hour.
- Hold a knitwear day at work in place of a dress down day. Ask everyone in your building to wear an item of knitwear and donate £1 to your Knimble Knitters sponsorship.
- Host a competition. Why not make your Friday night post-work drinks more fun by bringing out peoples' competitive sides? Challenge your colleagues to games of cards and quizzes, with the losers paying into your Knimble Knitters fundraising pot.
- Auction yourself as somebody's tea maker/ errand runner/ personal helper for the day – make sure you get high bids if they're going to run you ragged.
- Food sale – whether it's cakes, healthy snacks, or a big lunch stew, take some food in to work and charge your colleagues for the pleasure of eating it.

### At home

- Get people to sponsor you per row for the item you are making.



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- Ask people to sponsor you per ball of wool that you use to make your competition entry.
- Host a dinner party. Invite your closest friends and ask them to pay a donation towards something scrumptious.
- If cooking is not your thing, why not host a swaps bring and buy party. Get all your friends to bring unwanted household items, clothes, knitwear etc, to the party, and put anything raised from items bought into your fundraising pot.
- Create your own cinema. Why not invite your friends to your home, rent a DVD, charge for entry and popcorn, and it'll still be cheaper than the real thing. You could always make this knitting themed and knit while you watch.
- Team up with groups of friends and encourage each other along by holding sponsorship events together.
- Test your knowledge with a quiz night; either join a pub quiz and pay a fine for every question your team gets wrong, or host your own quiz. You could always wear knitted hats.
- Sell your unwanted items on eBay for Charity for Arthritis Care. You could even sell small knitted items that you make: <http://tinyurl.com/nh6r9h>

## MORE OF A CHALLENGE

- Throw a curry night. Ask your local curry house if they would like to get involved in your fundraising and donate some of the money you spend on your meal with friends towards your Knimble Knitters fundraising for Arthritis Care.
- Host a themed party and get your friends to dress up and pay for their entry at your house or local village hall. You could have a prize for the best fancy dress, the person in the most amount of knitwear and hold competitions and raffles during the night, with all proceeds going towards your sponsorship.
- Hold a music concert. If you don't play an instrument, or sing in a choir, find people who do and put together an evening of music and fun either in your local church, pub's function room or village hall and charge for tickets and refreshments. You could ask your friends to make cakes and try to publicise your event in your local paper.

**Remember to let anyone who is on your list of sponsors know what you have been up to, and when events and fundraisers are taking place. Always thank those who come for their time and support**