

FROM AUCTIONS TO ZUMBA® AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN

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So you're keen to get stuck into a fabulous fundraising activity and raise bundles of dosh for Macmillan. Super duper. The only problem is, you're not quite sure what you'd like to do yet. No problem.

Below are just a few fun-tastic ideas that will provide you with some food for thought. Whether the aim of Your Event is remembering someone, celebrating an occasion or doing your own thing, you're sure to get your friends, family and colleagues digging deep to make sure no one faces cancer alone.

A Auction it off

Persuade your pals to declutter their homes and hand over their unwanted bits and bobs so you can put them under the gavel for Macmillan.

Whether you hold the auction at the local church hall or in your living room, tons of fun is guaranteed.

Alternatively, you could tempt online bargain hunters by putting all of those CDs, clothes and collectibles that are gathering dust on eBay.

The great news is that eBay

allows you to automatically donate all or part of the proceeds

of your sales to the charity of your choice, so it couldn't be easier. To find out how, just head to ebay.co.uk/ebayforcharity



B Bop at a ball

Get out your glad rags, dust off your top hat and tails and organise a swanky night to remember in aid of Macmillan. You can ask local businesses for raffle prizes and fizz, and sweet talk that friend of a friend who's in a band to provide the evening's entertainment. Pumpkins and glass slippers are optional.

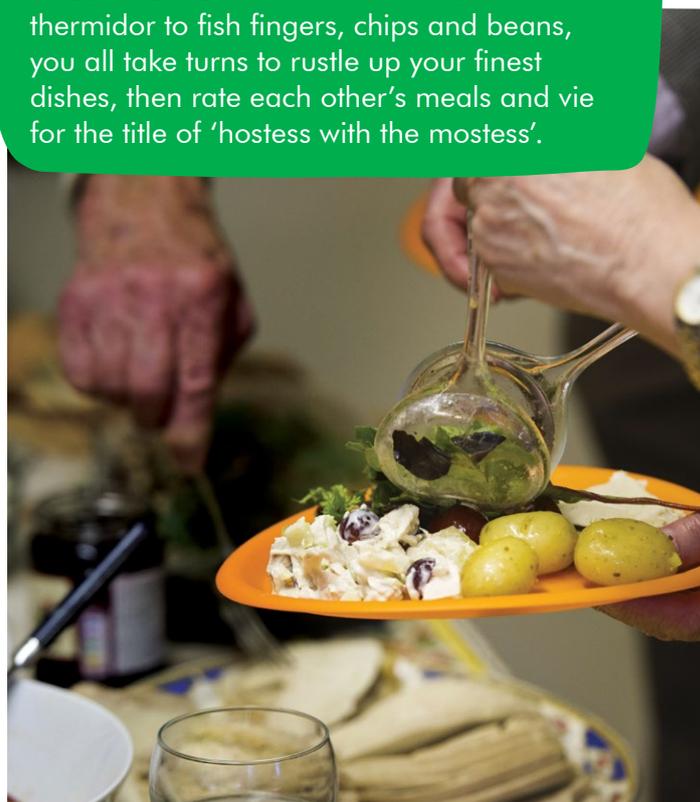
Turn to the *Ask the experts* section of this guide to discover Della's top tips for organising a ball.

C Car boot sale

Here's a traditional Macmillan proverb: one man's unwanted Christmas jumper is another man's golfing sweater. So dig out your unloved clothes and all of those other bits and bobs that are clogging up your drawers and throw a car boot sale or bring and buy sale in aid of Macmillan.

D Dine in for Macmillan

Who needs fancy restaurants when you can invite your friends over for dinner and ask them to donate what they'd spend on eating out to Macmillan? Or, if you're feeling ambitious, why not get a gang together and create your own version of Come Dine With Me? From lobster thermidor to fish fingers, chips and beans, you all take turns to rustle up your finest dishes, then rate each other's meals and vie for the title of 'hostess with the mostess'.



E Easy gifting

Did you know that you can buy a fabulous range of gifts and goodies from Macmillan's award-winning online shop? With a range of branded products like our diary, calendar and bags, you'll always find the perfect presents for loved ones and friends. It's also the ideal destination if you're looking for a little something to thank the people who have supported your fundraising event. Just head to macmillan.org.uk/shop to find out more.

F Fancy dress

Fairies and gnomes, animals and birds, heroes and heroines, and country and western. When it comes to fancy dress, the options are endless. So too is the amount of fun that you can have whilst donning your finery, so why not organise a fancy dress party at your place in aid of Macmillan?



G Give it up

Got a sweet tooth? Can't get through a morning without a latte? Get twitchy at the prospect of being parted from your smartphone? Then why not get sponsored to give up your vice for a day, a week or even a month? You can boost your total with a self-imposed fine for when you fall off the wagon. Alternatively you could become a sober-hero by registering for Go Sober for October at gosober.org.uk

H Head shave

Change your style and shave your head to keep cool during the summer months, or to avoid bad hair days at any time of year. Set a target (aim high), then take a deep breath and brave that razor.

Turn to the *Ask the experts* section of this guide to discover Becky's top tips for taking on a sponsored head shave.

I In memory

If you're fundraising in memory of a loved one or friend, why not take on an activity that reflects something they were passionate about? From a knit-a-thon to a comedy night, you're bound to come up with a brainwave, and we'll be right here to support you.



J Jazz night

Know some cool cats who'd love to swing out to the smooth sounds of a jazz night for Macmillan? Then why not organise one? Not only will it be a great showcase for local jazz talent, but it will also be a great way of putting brass in Macmillan's pocket. Nice.

K Karaoke

Love to belt out a power ballad? Then hold a karaoke night at your local pub or restaurant and dazzle your pals with your rendition of *Livin' on a Prayer*. People can pay for a party ticket, pay for each song they sing, or be paid not to sing at all. However you choose to do it, remember that air punches are obligatory.



L Get literary

Everyone loves to lose themselves between the covers of a literary gem, so here's a novel idea: set up a book sale or library at work, at school or in your local community centre. Ask everyone you know to donate their old Dostoevskys, Harry Potters and Jilly Coopers, and then sell them or lend them out in return for a donation to Macmillan.

M Midsummer barbecue

After a sizzling idea for summer? Then fire up the barbie, invite your family and friends over, get some burgers, buns, sausages, sauces and cool drinks (cocktail umbrellas are optional). Then all you need to do is ask for a tasty donation for the gorgeous grub and enjoy yourselves. Oh, and make sure you have a full-size umbrella ready – just in case.



N A night at the races

Giddy up and organise a horse racing evening at a local venue or turn your living room into a bookies and show all the races on your TV. Get your guests to pay to 'bet' on who will cross the finish line first. It may get a little loud and competitive so expect horse voices all round. Ahem.



O Odd job day

Put on your overalls, grab your tool box and offer to take on all of those odd jobs that your friends and family never find the time to do. From mowing lawns to hanging pictures and from washing cars to cleaning ovens, go forth and get handy, then donate your fees to Macmillan.

P Push yourself to the limit

Keen on getting super fit and super strong? Then why not get sponsored to take on a sensational amount of sit-ups or a punishing number of press-ups? Alternatively, if you live or work in a tower block, you could ditch the lift and get sponsored to take the stairs every day. One thing's for sure: you'll make money while you shed the pounds.

Q Quiz the night away

Q. What's guaranteed to get the grey cells working, the perfect excuse for a pint and tons of fun to boot?

A. A super duper pub quiz night in aid of Macmillan. Why not organise one at your local?

Turn to the *Ask the experts* section of this guide to discover Mitch's top tips for organising a pub quiz.

R Raffle off some goodies

A holiday to the Seychelles. A night out with Brad Pitt. A cuddly toy. When it comes to organising a raffle for Macmillan, the prizes can be as extravagant as you like. And, if you'd like some advice on how to get your paws on some prizes, just give our friendly fundraising team a buzz on **0300 1000 200**.



S It's showtime

Bring The X Factor to your local community. After all, everyone's got a party piece that they'd love the chance to show off for a good cause. Wannabe Simon Cowells can stand in judgement or you could have a good, old-fashioned clap-o-meter.

T True beauty

Let your natural beauty shine through by giving up make-up for a day, a week or even a month. Share a snap of yourself au naturel on Facebook each morning and watch the cash pour in.



U Upcoming occasions

If you have a birthday or anniversary coming up, why not suggest to your family and friends that instead of giving you presents, they make a donation to Macmillan? And, if you're tying the knot soon, why not make your day even more special by supporting Macmillan? To find out the many ways in which you can do this, head to macmillan.org.uk/weddings

V Virtual tournament

Like sports but don't want to leave the house? Hold your own championship from the comfort of your sofa. You won't break a sweat and you can ask friends and family to sponsor you to reach your personal best. Consoles at the ready.

W Wine tasting evening

'A full-bodied, fruity character with an exquisite nose and a crisp finish.' Unleash the wine critic within by holding a wine tasting evening with a group of discerning friends. You could draft in a local wine merchant to help you train your taste buds, charge an entry fee, and then simply quaff up a storm.



X Xmas costume challenge

Want an innovative way to fill people full of festive spirit and raise a sleigh-load of money for Macmillan? Then why not get spruced up and dress festive every single day in December? Whether you're an elf, a gingerbread man, a snowman or even Santa Claus himself, you're bound to get plenty of attention. Be careful, though. You could get tinsel-itis.

Turn to the *Ask the experts* section of this guide to discover Megan's top tips for dressing for success.



Y Your game

Why not hold a board game tournament featuring everything from Snakes and Ladders to Uno®? Whether it's at home or in your favourite pub, it's a great excuse to spend a lovely day with friends and family while you raise money for Macmillan. Ask for a donation from every player for every game played, and why not award glittering prizes to the winners and packets of pork scratchings to the losers?

Z Zumbathon

For a high-energy fundraiser, why not encourage your local Zumba® group to take part in a Zumbathon for Macmillan? Bust a move and watch the money mount up.

After some further fundraising boosters? Head to be.macmillan.org.uk and search for *The little book of 101 BIG ideas* or our *Five marvellous money-spinners* guide – they're choc-a-block with inspiration. Just enter '101 ideas' or 'five marvellous' in the search field.