**Advertising Space**

Are you a group that has a lot to do with the local community? If so, then you might want to think about selling temporary **advertising space** on the fence or building. If you know that you’re going to get a lot of traffic past your site, then this is likely to appeal to advertisers, as they will want their company name to be spread as far as possible. Not only this, but once you have made contact with these companies, you may find that they are willing to sponsor more of your events in the future, meaning that you’re making valuable contacts that will work well for you in the long term.

**Auctions**

**Auctions**are always great events, and you should find that people become even more generous when the event is being held for a charity. You could either ask people to donate items to be auctioned, or you could auction “time” – people offering to give an hour to the winning bidder to help them with anything that needs to be done in their home. There are often some great prizes in charity auctions, and it can be a very profitable night as well as an incredibly entertaining one.

**Art exhibition**

Do you have any budding artists in your organisation or in the local community? By holding an **art exhibition**you can really showcase the talents that are amongst you, and it is a great way to get the rest of the community involved, too. By charging a small amount to enter a piece in the exhibition, and offering a number of prizes for winners in various categories, you will be sure to attract attention. If you decide to do this, make sure that you get in touch with local schools and colleges, as they will consider it great advertising for their art departments, so are sure to want to join in with the fun. Afterward, artists can choose to auction off their pieces for charity. You can sell refreshments while you’re there, and pass on information about your organisation, meaning that you can spread the word to people who you might not normally be able to come into contact with.

**Alternative transport options**

No matter where you live in the world, it is important that you try to take care of the environment, and for this reason you may want to consider opting for **alternative transport options** for a week and getting sponsored for doing so. Do you usually go to work, college or school in the car? How about you try walking instead, or even riding a bike or a skateboard? Whatever you choose to do, it is sure to raise funds for your organisation, and help you to get fit at the same time.

**Bake sale**

Everybody loves cake, and to make the most of this fact you could organise a **bake sale**as one of your fundraising ideas. The idea is that everybody involved in the organisation bakes cakes to be sold, and then invites family and friends to come and enjoy an afternoon of chatting and eating cakes. There is also great scope to do other things here, such as sell other refreshments, run a raffle, sell merchandise if you have any from your organisation, and hand out information about any other events that might be happening in the future. If the weather is likely to be good, you could even hold the event outside, and make a few other stalls to encourage people to have fun and spend money.

**BBQ**

**BBQ**weather is in abundance in New Zealand, which is why it can be a great idea to make the most of it and hold a BBQ to remember. Invite family and friends, get everybody to bring some food, and have a great evening together. You can have games that people pay to enter, and sell raffle tickets or other merchandise, plus refreshments. The money will mount up quickly for sure, and it is an event that lots of people will really enjoy. If you wish, you can turn this into a sort of **beach party**that you can hold outdoors and include costumes for everybody. If you don’t live close enough to an actual beach to make this a possibility, you can always use somebody’s back yard and decorate it so that it looks like it could be a beautiful beach.

**Blind auction**

Auction nights are nothing new, so why not spice things up a little bit and hold a **blind auction**as a part of your fundraising efforts? This is where you allow your entrants to bid in secret, and simply state the maximum amount that they would be willing to pay for a certain item. You should insist that amounts should be random with regards to the exact money – i.e. no round numbers, as this gives you a much better chance of having a unique highest bidder. On the occasions where there are more than one bids the same, you could hold a face-to-face auction, to see who is willing to pay a little more for the item. Ask your supporters to donate prizes, and also try to get the small businesses in your local area involved. You should find that they are more than willing to do this, as it is exposure for their own company name and positive reputation.

**Bingo evening**

Put the fun in fundraising by having a **bingo evening**for your members and supporters. This is often an event that can be incredibly popular, thanks to the fact that bingo is a game that most people know how to play, and holding an evening means that they have the chance to win lots of prizes. It’s up to you what you do for prizes – some people like to use money, and others have specific things to win. You might find that local businesses are willing to donate prizes for bingo if you approach them, and by doing so you will be able to maximise the amount that you can take home for your organisation from the event, as you won’t have to use any of the income for the prize money at the end of the evening.

**Bike ride**

The skies are blue and the roads are stunning here in New Zealand, so why not make the most of them by holding a sponsored **bike ride**? There’s nothing like feeling the air on your face as you ride along the open road, and this idea gives you the chance to get paid for doing exactly that. Make sure you let everybody know the route that you’re going to be taking, as this means that they can cheer you on along the way. Ask for people to sponsor you well in advance, as it should give you plenty of motivation when you see the sponsor money quickly building up before your eyes.

**Book fair**

Reading is one of the best things that a child can learn to do at an early age, and for this reason it can be a great idea to hold a **book fair**to try and encourage them to do this. Often, book companies like coming into schools and organisations to sell their products, and they would be willing to make a donation to your charity if you gave them somewhere to go to sell their books. On the other hand, you could ask everybody to bring second hand books that they had finished with, and display them so that people could buy them. They would be willing to pay a small amount, and you wouldn’t have had to pay anything upfront for the item at all, as they are just things that people already had in their homes that they wanted to get rid of.

**Badge making**

Lots of people like to attend craft events where they can make something to take home, and nothing is better for this than holding a **badge making**afternoon. This always goes down very well with children, who are likely to enjoy the event and will want to make badges not only for themselves but also for their family and friends, too. You could buy all of the materials and then charge a certain amount for each badge to be made. You could, of course, sell refreshments too, which would boost your income a little bit. If it is a special time of year, for example Christmas or Easter, you could make it a themed event, which would add even more excitement to it for the children.

**Bring and buy sale**

Nothing is better than being able to make money from things that you don’t need anymore, and a **bring and buy sale**is one of the best fundraising ideas in this respect. You simply ask everybody to bring items that they no longer need in their home, set them up on tables, and sell them for small amounts. You know what they say – one man’s trash is another man’s treasure – and this is true, and means that people would be able to find lots of things that they would like to buy. You should also make sure that you advertise your event outside of your organisation, too, as many people enjoy going to these types of sales as a hobby.

**Calendar**

When you’re trying to think fundraising ideas, it is important that you think of something that would appeal to the most people, and nothing is better for this than a **calendar**, because almost everybody has one! You can either make one with photos of your organisation during the course of the year, or use photos of the landscape in your local area – and in New Zealand, there are many sights that you could use for this. Make sure that you plan this well in advance, as they are perfect for Christmas presents, and can be sold at any events that you might be holding in the run-up to the festive period.

**Car wash**

Everybody needs to visit the **car wash** from time to time, so why not build this into your fundraising ideas and do it for them? All you need is some water and sponges, a space to set up, and a banner advertising what you’re doing, and you should find that there are many cars who would be willing to let you wash them. You could charge a small amount for each one, and you will usually find that people will pay a little bit extra because of the fact that you’re a charity. This means that the money will soon be rolling in, leaving you with the funds that your organisation needs so much.

**Charity dinner**

We all like the chance to dress up and have an evening of fun, and a **charity dinner**gives us the chance to do exactly this. You can sell tickets to the event, and try to find somebody who would be willing to entertain diners for the evening. This could be a local celebrity, or even a singer or comedian. You should find that somebody will be willing to donate their time for free, particularly if they’re trying to boost their own career and take their first tentative steps into the industry. This is the perfect event to hold a raffle at, too, as the people who attend are likely to be willing to spend plenty of money to support the charity.

**Carol singing**

Most people in New Zealand enjoy Christmas, so why not make the most of this goodwill and go **carol singing**? You can either go around housing estates or into businesses with your collection bucket, and sing carols in return for a small donation. This is a great idea, as it means that not only are you raising money, but you are also helping to spread festive joy, which is incredibly important for all.

**Coin collection**

When you’re fundraising, it is important that you understand that every little helps, and for this reason a great fundraising idea can be a **coin collection**. Whether you choose to have a huge change jar at your HQ, or if you ask people to collect a certain type of coin, it is sure to add up to a large amount when you take it to the bank. You could even aim to write your organisation’s name in coins at a specific event that you hold – and then keep the coins that were used – or try to make a mile of pennies laid side to side. Whichever you choose, you are certain to get enough donations to boost your bank balance.

**Coffee morning**

Everybody likes socialising and having a chat, and for this, a **coffee morning**is a great idea. You can invite friends, family and the local community, and serve refreshments for a small fee. You could also sell merchandise if you have anything, and have stalls for example a raffle, craft stalls, books stalls, or anything you like. You only need a few volunteers, and you will have plenty of money rolling in to add to your collection.

**Car boot sale**

If you’re fed up of all of the clutter that is building up in your home, then you might like to try running a **car boot sale**for your organisation. Set a date that you would like to do it, get a few volunteers, and ask people to bring donations for things that you could sell. You could either run a stall at a local car boot sale, or if you have enough interest you could hold your own and charge a small amount of money for a pitch. No matter which option you choose, you will certainly be able to raise plenty of money and awareness for the organisation that you represent. The best part is that you’re sure to get lots of donations for things to sell, as people will most likely be happy to have the excuse to clean out their houses.

**Concert**

Most organisations have some musically talented members, and if this is the case for you, then why not put on a **concert**? You could see who is able to play an instrument, and ask whether they would be happy to play a solo for the audience. You could even have a few duets or larger groups if you have the time to arrange the music, and this is sure to bring a great evening of entertainment. You can also sell refreshments and raffle tickets, plus give the audience information about what is happening in the near future with your organisation.

**Craft fair**

It’s a well known fact that taking parts in arts and crafts is good for the soul, so why not show off what you’ve made and organise a **craft fair**? This gives you the chance to not only get your creative hat on, but also to sell stalls to local businesses who might make things like cards and gifts. They would be willing to pay a small amount towards your organisation to be able to take a table at the event, and this would be beneficial both to them and to you.

**Collecting tin**

Lots of people are willing to give to charities, but many don’t know how they’re able to do it. By having a **collecting tin**by the cash register of a shop, you can be sure that people will add a little spare change to it, particularly if they have just been handed some by the shopkeeper. It may only be small amounts, but you will find that it all adds up, and if you collect the tins every couple of months, there should be a reasonable amount in there. Many people don’t even check which charity they’re giving to, but they will still put their change in the tin regardless.

**Dog walking**

If there’s one chore that many people hate more than anything else, it’s **dog walking**, but this gives you the chance to charge for a service that you could provide. New Zealand is a beautiful country, so you might as well make the most of the scenery and walk dogs that have busy owners. Many people would gladly pay you for this, and you could walk a couple of dogs at the same time, meaning that your hourly rate would increase nicely. You have to make sure that you know how to look after dogs, and that you’re responsible when you’re in charge of them, but overall this should be a nice little earner.

**Disco**

We all love a good party, and there’s nothing like holding a **disco**to help raise those much-needed funds for your organisation. If you can’t afford a DJ, you can easily play your own songs, and then charge a small amount for a ticket, plus refreshments while they’re there. If you advertise this event well, you should be able to attract a lot of guests, who will all have a great time as well as spending plenty of money while they’re there. Don’t forget to research the latest songs as well as including all of the disco classics, as you need to make sure that there is something for everybody.

**Doggy party**

Have you ever wished that you could hold an event that meant your dogs could socialise with others? Well, how about planning a **doggy party**to do exactly this? It’s easy – you find a nice, big open space, get in contact with lots of people with dogs, and get them all together for an afternoon. It can often be great to find other people who have dogs, as you’ll have lots in common with them before you even start talking, and you can make yummy treats for both the animals and for their owners, too. Selling tickets is a sure way to boost your funds, as this is an event that is quirky yet perfectly plausible, meaning that many people would be interested in it.

**Easter egg hunt**

Easter is a season that many children enjoy, so why not plan an **Easter egg hunt**as part of a brilliant family day out to raise money for your organisation? You could do this indoors or outdoors, and allow the children to keep the “treasure” that they find, with other smaller prizes for completing tasks – for example finding one egg of each colour, or finding eggs in a particular place. This is sure to be one of those fundraising ideas that brings with it a lot of fun.

**Face painting**

Either as part of a bigger event or standing alone, **face painting**is always popular, and is a great thing to do if you have somebody who is able to provide the service. If there is nobody in your organisation who can paint faces, then you could ask for a professional to donate a few hours of their time – as many people are willing to do this for charity. Make sure that you’re up to date with the latest films and cartoons, as you’re certain to get requests for things to be painted, and you don’t want anybody to be disappointed!

**Film night**

Nothing is better than being able to relax at the end of a long day, so why not incorporate this into your fundraising ideas and organise a **film night**? You could invite guests and advertise the film that you’re seeing, and even plan a fancy dress theme in relation to the film. You could ask for a donation as the entry fee, and then sell refreshments, which means that you should be able to have a great night indeed.

**Gift sale**

Arts and crafts are great for young children, so if your organisation is made up of youngsters then you might want to organise a **gift sale**. The children could spend a few weeks making the gifts to sell, and you can then set up tables on the day. If the children have made the gifts, you often find that parents are willing to spend a fair amount of money on them, which means that you will definitely raise more for your organisation. If you don’t fancy making the gifts yourself, then you could rent tables at your sale to local small businesses who make gifts, and they should be happy to display their work for sale at your event.

**Games night**

Games take us right back to being children, so why not organise a **games night**to allow everyone to let their hair down and have a great time? You could do lots of things, from physical games such as hopscotch, to board games, to party games – no matter who is attending, you’re sure to be able to find something that would suit them down to the ground. You could have lots of prizes, and tournaments. Not only will you raise lots of money, but your guests will also have the chance to meet people who they have never seen before, meaning that they could make new friends, too!

**Garden party**

When the weather is nice, everybody wants to be outside in the sunshine, and a **garden party**is the perfect way to give people the chance to do this. You could serve refreshments, have some little stalls for entertainment, and even hire somebody to entertain the crowd if you have the budget for it (or if you are able to persuade them to do it for free – which many entertainers will consider if you state that you’re a charity). This type of event is great for raising the profile of your organisation, as you’re able to chat to people and find out whether there are any ways in which they could help you with fundraising in the future.

**Gumboot throwing**

Variety is the spice of life, and sometimes the events that seem the most random can add the most excitement to the day. **Gumboot throwing**is an event that has been around for a long time, but yet it never seems to get any less fun. You should find that you can get the gumboots donated by charity shops or other companies (as they are often things that are left over that nobody wants to buy) and then all you need to do is set a date for the event. The person who manages to throw the furthest gets a prize!

**Haircut**

If you want to be sponsored for something, you’ll always raise more if you do something daring, so why not go for a sponsored **haircut**? If you have long hair, you could cut it short or shave it off, or even just go for a completely different style to what you’re used to. You could take some great photos of this event to be used as publicity, giving you the chance to get the local media involved, which is certain to drum up more support for your organisation.

**History Scavenger Hunt**

Take this passion outside of your doors by hosting a cobweb scavenger hunt that challenges teams to find a series of historical landmarks throughout your home city. Scope out the streets beforehand to find some hidden gems, so everyone will have to search a little to find all of the stops on your list.

Participants can join by paying a small entrance fee. You can also encourage groups to create online donation pages where people can make pledges for landmarks found. For example, someone could pledge $5 for each landmark team members locate.

The day of the event, give each team a printed list of destinations and set a time limit. The more locations they find, the more money they raise, so encourage teams to maximize their efforts by splitting up. Each time they find a landmark, have them take a selfie in front of the location with their phones. If you want to raise even more awareness, request that they share these selfies on their social media pages. Heighten the stakes by offering the winning team a prize.

**Jumble sale**

If you like the idea of a car boot sale, but don’t want to hold an event outdoors, then a **jumble sale**could be a better option for you. If you don’t have your own premises then you could hire a hall (or ask whether the use of the hall could be donated to you) and invite people to pay a small amount of money for a table. Many people attend jumble sales as it can be entertaining to have a good walk round, and it is also a great way to be able to get rid of the clutter that you have in your home.

**Karaoke night**

If you’ve always fancied yourself as the next big thing in the music business, then a **karaoke night**could be right up your street. This is an event that is always popular, and people are likely to come in groups of friends, which means that you will raise even more money. You will need to find somewhere to hold the event, preferably somewhere where you can serve refreshments, and spread the word so that people will sign up to sing. Other than that, that’s all you need for a great evening!

**Knitting**

If you know anybody who is good at **knitting**you could make the most of this and sell items to raise funds for your organisation. There are many things that you are able to make, and with most items it gives you the chance to personalise them, meaning that people could buy items from you to use as gifts for their family and friends. Many people who knit do so as a hobby, so you should find that as long as you’re able to provide them with the wool that they need, they will donate their services to you for free.

**Market stall**

If you have a market in your local area, then this gives you a great chance to rent a **market stall**to try and spread the word about your charity. Doing this gives you the opportunity to give out leaflets and information about upcoming fundraising events, as well as allowing you to sell merchandise, so it really can be a great thing to do. If you have anybody who is good at making things, a market stall is a great place to sell the goods, and you should find that you can get quite a lot of sales just from a couple of hours, as people attend markets with the specific aim of buying things.

**Marathon**

The bigger the fundraising event, the more money you’re likely to raise, so why not sign up to run a **marathon**? You don’t have to do it on your own; you could get a number of people from your organisation to sign up with you, and this means that you would raise even more money. Because a marathon is such a huge thing to do, you’re certain to raise plenty of money in sponsorship, and if you advertise the fact that you’re doing it, you might even get people willing to sponsor you who don’t know you, meaning that you will get even more funds for the pot.

**Targeted appeal for funds**

A direct approach for contributions from residents in the neighbourhood, and/or past pupils of High Street School, and/or RSA members, and/or members of various heritage groups. This would consist of a carefully written letter, and a timed media campaign.

**The Non-Event Event**

The idea of a non-event event can seem downright silly at first, but humor us for a second.

The main event of your non-event will be a series of compelling email appeals sent to your donor list. In the first email, explain that you’re forgoing an event so that you’ll have as many funds as possible to contribute to the cause. Lay out what your goal is and why it’s important, then make a heartfelt appeal for donations. You want to be as authentic and transparent as possible so donors will see the logic behind your choice.

Throughout the week, send donors a series of follow up emails reminding them to donate. Remember to send thank you notes to donors who act on your appeals.

Non-events work best when you have an easily quantifiable fundraising goal in mind. A clear goal will be more compelling to potential donors, because they know exactly where their money is going and why it’s valuable for you to save every penny. For example, say you’re trying to raise $25,000 towards building a local animal shelter. With a non-event event, you can save all the money you would be spending on an event and instead put it towards your cause.Plus, they’re especially beneficial for advocacy groups, because they give you a direct opportunity to talk about your cause.

**Pantomime**

Every organisation has hidden talent, and there is no better way to let it shine than with a **pantomime**. There are many different pantomimes that you can perform, meaning that no matter how many people you have to work with, you will be able to find something that fits. It will take a little work to get right, and you will have to hire a venue if your organisation doesn’t already own somewhere that is suitable, however you should be able to sell tickets for a decent price, meaning that you can raise a lot of money for your funds. Friends and family will be thrilled to come and see the performance, so you can look forward to a packed audience.

**Plant sale**

Particularly in the summer months, it is important that we are able to have our gardens looking colourful and pretty, and to help with this, you could organise a **plant sale**at your organisation. If you have anybody who is good at growing plants then this is an option, but if you don’t then you could buy them (or ask them to be donated) from a garden centre in bulk and then sell them at a slight profit. Either way, it is sure to be popular, as almost everybody will need to buy plants for their garden.

**Pick a straw**

Planning ways to entertain everybody during an event can be stressful, but by adding small stalls such as **pick a straw**you can ensure that there is always something for your guests to do during your event. Colour the bottom of some plain white straws and bury them in sand with some that haven’t been coloured, and charge a small fee for your guests to pick a straw. If they pick one that has been coloured, they win a prize – it’s up to you how big or small that prize is – and if they pick a white one then they don’t win this time. You often find that people will buy multiple straws in an attempt to win, so this is a stall that is well worth having at your event.

**Portrait party**

Art can be fun, messy and entertaining all at the same time, and a **portrait party**can be an excellent way to raise funds. Simply invite a group of people to your event – the more the merrier – and put them in pairs and ask them to paint each other’s portraits. You will get better artists than others, but that’s all a part of the fun, and nobody will mind. At the end of the event, everybody buys their portrait to take home. Refreshments should be served, and you could take small breaks to play some little games to keep minds fresh. Portrait painting can be great fun, even if you don’t really know anything about art at all.

**Quiz nights**

**Quiz nights**are always popular, and they can be a great way to socialise and to raise money for your organisation at the same time. You can either make up some questions yourself, or you can download a quiz from the internet, but either way it will be a great night. Charge either per person or per team, and the team with the highest score wins a prize (usually money). You could also have some smaller prizes such as the team with the best name, and this can often add a little bit of entertainment into the evening.

**Raffle**

One of the most popular fundraising ideas is to run a **raffle**and it’s popular for a reason. Many people are willing to donate prizes, and people are happy to buy a few tickets because they don’t cost very much. For this reason, lots of money is taken at a raffle. You can either do a raffle in its own right, or you can add a smaller one to an event that you’re running. If you ask businesses to donate prizes to your cause, you could even hold separate raffles if some of the prizes are particularly generous, as people might be willing to buy tickets for one prize on its own.

**Recipe Books**

As a tribute to the days before recipe phone apps, you can crowdsource recipes from different supporters, and even across your organization, to compile a charity cookbook. Ask supporters to include a dedication, doodle, or note with each recipe submission so that the book feels unique and personal to your organization. Reach out to local graphic designers or students to help design your cookbook.

**Recycling**

Are you fed up with the amount of rubbish that is lying around your home? Well, perhaps you could make the most of the **recycling**schemes that are available in your local area, and donate profits to your organisation. There are a great number of things that can be recycled, including plastics, glass bottles, cans, clothes, shoes and newspapers – so it’s almost certain that you will have something around your home that you could use. If everybody involved in your organisation brought items, you would be sure to raise plenty of money – and everybody would have been able to have a clear out at the same time!

**Scratchy Booklets**

These nifty little booklets have your organisations image/logo on the front cover and then 40 scratch of circles on the inside. Your fundraisers take them around and ask people to scratch off a few dots and donate the amount revealed underneath. What could be easier than that! We’ve heard really good things about this product and they suit groups of all sizes – which is good news for groups such as sports teams, culture groups, churches etc. If you are keen on trying new fundraising ideas then visit the [Fast Fundraising](http://www.fastfundraising.co.nz/) website.

**Sports day**

We all loved **sports day**at school, and why should the fun end just because we’re grown up? Recreating a school sports day is a great way to raise funds, and you can be sure that people will have plenty of fun on the day. You can have running races, obstacle courses, egg and spoon races, skipping races and much more, as well as offering refreshments and other pieces of entertainment (for example a bouncy castle for the children) in order to raise even more money.

**Sponsored silence**

No matter who you are, you probably wish you had a little more peace and quiet in your life. If this is the case, then a **sponsored silence**could be a great way to raise money for your organisation. Children find this particularly fun, and enjoy being able to write messages on pieces of paper or whiteboards while they’re not able to talk. Get sponsored per hour or per day, depending on how long you think you can manage it for, and just sit back and watch the money come rolling it. It might be a challenge, but you will feel a great sense of achievement at the end of it.

**Swear jar**

Every organisation has somebody who struggles to control their language – and a **swear jar**could work in two ways. It could help to raise funds for your organisation, and it could also encourage people to stop swearing at the same time. This might not raise an awful lot of money, but by keeping it at your HQ you can slowly add funds over time, and then empty it every few months.

**Sponsored sleepout**

If you’re an organised group such as Scouts, you might be interested in doing a **sponsored sleepout**. This can be very exiting, as many children won’t have stayed out in tents before. If the children in your organisation are quite young, you may want to invite parents to come, too. You should make sure that you have permission to camp wherever you decide to stay, and ensure that you plan enough games to keep the children occupied for however long you choose to stay out for. If there isn’t anywhere suitable in your local area for you to camp, somebody’s back yard is just as good.

**Sponsored events**

No matter what you’re good at, you should find that you’re able to make money from it. **Sponsored events**are great for fundraising, as it means that everybody in the organisation is able to take part, and ask their friends and family for donations by way of sponsor money. They are lots of things that you can do; sports, walks, personal challenges, games – to name but a few. The more imagination you use with this the better, and people are more likely to sponsor you for doing quirky things.

**Tug of war**

If you want a way to show off your strength and raise money at the same time, then a **tug of war**is definitely the best thing to do. You can either have teams or individuals, and see who is the strongest. You can arrange the teams however you like, and you could have a lot of fun with deciding who works with who. One good idea is to have people put bets on which team will win, with a small amount of money going to the people who guess correctly. This is good either as an event on its own, or as a part of something like a fun day or fair.

**Treasure hunt**

If you have the time for a bit of organising, then a **treasure hunt**can be very fun to do. You can do versions for adults and children, with them having to find clues to lead them to the treasure at the end of the journey. You could have it somewhere simple like a school, or wider afield in the countryside, and the team who gets to the end first are the winners. Not only is this one of the best fundraising ideas, but it is also good for team building, which means that your organisation will get stronger through the event. Beforehand, you could even run a little competition for who can come up with the best clues – which can add even more excitement to the event.

**Talent show**

Almost everybody has something that they’re good at, and for this reason a **talent show**really could go down a storm. No matter whether you enjoy singing, dancing, juggling or rapping, you’re sure to have something that you can add to an evening like this. Make sure that you advertise this event well, as you will get plenty of outside entries. The more people you get entering from outside of your organisation, the more money you’re likely to raise, as they are sure to bring friends and family along to watch for support. Not only is this sure to raise a lot of money, but you will also have a great time, and people may wish to be involved in more that your organisation does in the future.

**T-shirts**

Fashion sells, so why not make the most of this and have some **t-shirts**made for your organisation? You will be able to sell these to your members and supporters, and can then take them along to any other events that you hold. Once you’ve paid for the initial lot of t-shirts to be made, you will soon make your money back from them and will then be able to enjoy the profits. Make sure you ask to see a sample of the t-shirts before you order in bulk, as you need to ensure that you’re happy with the result before you choose to invest heavily.

**Trash Art Auction**

This quick fundraising idea isn’t just for eco-artists, but for all creative types. Enlist local artists to create some avant-garde masterpieces out of recyclables or other waste products, and auction off the pieces. You can also collect recyclable materials and hold a contest to see which attendee can make the most impressive creation.

**Tree Planting Party**

A tree planting fundraiser is the perfect way to raise money and awareness of your cause while also doing something beneficial for the environment.

Start by deciding where participants will meet up to plant. Get in contact with someone from city hall to figure out where your city could use more trees and to make sure you have all of the necessary permissions.

Of course, you’ll also need some trees to plant. In the interest of keeping the event as affordable as possible, see if a local gardening store will donate some trees. If not, you can also buy cheap plantable tree containers and seedlings.

Raise money by selling the trees to people who want to participate. Once the trees are planted, you can also hold a silent auction where people can bid on naming each tree. Make the event fun by providing refreshments and blasting some feel good tunes while people plant. You’ll have a budding forest before you know it!

**Visits**

Everybody likes a good day out, but not many people are organised enough to be able to plan the days out that they really want to go on. For this reason, you should organise **visits**to great places in the local area. Hire a coach, sell the seats including entry fee where needed for your destination, and make sure that you set the price to ensure that you make a profit from the event. You could make even more money by putting together refreshment boxes that people can buy once they’re on the coach, and these are sure to be popular, particularly if the trip you’re going on is quite long.

**Wine and cheese**

We all need a bit of class from time to time, and if this is something that you’re interested in, then you may find that it is a good idea to plan a **wine and cheese**evening. You can couple this with some hired entertainment, and enjoy the atmosphere whilst selling merchandise, refreshments and raffle tickets. You should charge for entry, and this should include the cheese, biscuits and a glass of wine. Whether the people who come are involved in your organisation or not, you should find that it is something that they would like to attend, as it is a great excuse to socialise.

**Walking**

**Walking**is not only great fun, but also great exercise, so why not get sponsored for it to raise funds for your charity? Sponsored walks are incredibly popular, and they’re easy to sponsor thanks to the fact that you can simply be sponsored per mile, and it is very easy to work out how much people need to pay based on this basis. There are some beautiful places to walk in New Zealand – you’re spoilt for choice – so if you’re looking for a way that you can raise money whilst in stunning surroundings, then this is definitely a great idea for you.