



**Our work in Haiti would not be possible without your support. By organising a fundraiser in your office, you can make a real difference to the lives of people in Haiti – and it’s easier than ever to get started. Here are some tips to spark your fundraising ideas: we’d love to hear from and work with you on any ideas you have.**

### **Put the kettle on...**

**Coffee morning** | Gather your colleagues together and stick on the kettle for a great cause! Organise a coffee morning in your workplace, asking your team to donate whatever they can. Every donation – no matter how big or small – makes an enormous difference!

**Bake sale** | What goes better with your 11am cup of coffee than goodies like cakes, traybakes, cookies and cupcakes? Get your colleagues on the bandwagon to help you host a bake sale in your office: not only a great and easy way of raising money, they’re also a brilliant excuse to extend that morning break and enjoy a guilt-free indulgence! You can even raise the stakes by incorporating a “Guess the weight of the cake” competition or a small raffle: with all those treats to look forward to, you’ll be the most popular person in the office by the end of the day!

### **Get competitive...**

*Raise the atmosphere in your workplace by getting some competition in place. For each of these initiatives, don’t forget to check with your manager or senior teams for their permission, and ask them to approve some morale-boosting prizes like a half-day, casual Friday, or free lunch for your winning colleagues.*

**Office Olympics** | If you want to liven up your workplace – and find out which of your colleagues hold the real competitive streak – than the Office Olympics is for you! Working with your manager, set a day and time, plan your games (and rules!), and ask your colleagues to donate what they can to enter: that’s all there is to it. There’s a lot of scope for imagination when it comes to your games, but here are some starter ideas:

- **Opening Ceremony** | Host an opening ceremony, inviting your colleagues to decorate their work stations with a Caribbean theme: the owner of the best-dressed station wins!
- **Javelin** | Ask your colleagues to form teams, each building their own paper plane. Fix a line to the floor, and the team whose plane flies furthest from it wins.
- **Archery** | An individual sport, players line up to throw paper balls into waste baskets, set at different distances: the top three throwers win.
- **Shooting** | If your office has whiteboards, use toy guns to shoot sticky bullets at a hand-drawn, bullseye target: the closest to the centre wins.

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- Synchronised swivelling | Organise your colleagues into teams of at least three, asking them to choreograph an office-chair swivelling routine. Give a few days' notice so that they can practice: prizes can be awarded for the Best Overall Routine, Most Creative Use of a Chair and even Best Outfit!
- 'Minute to Win It' | Pool a large bag of Maltesers or marshmallows in the middle of a table, and give each player a pair of chopsticks and a bowl. Start a minute's countdown, and get going: the person who gets the most Maltesers or marshmallows in their bowl wins.

**Sports afternoon** | Organise an old-school sports afternoon for your colleagues, complete with seven-a-side soccer games, welly throws, egg-and-spoon races, three-legged races, and long jumps. Invite your colleagues to form teams (or enter individually if they're feeling brave), charging a set amount for entry. They're always a great afternoon out and a fun team-bonder.

**Treasure hunt** | Print and hide celebrity masks around your workplace - from the main office to the canteen and meeting rooms – and ask your colleagues to take a photo of themselves with the mask when they find it. Run this competition over a few days until all of the masks are found. Each person donates to enter the treasure hunt, with the person finding the most masks taking home the prize.

### Take on a challenge...

**Grow your hair** | Grow a moustache or – if you're feeling ambitious – beard, then ask your colleagues, friends and family to donate for every week you keep and maintain it. If you take it far enough, you could even get sponsorship for shaving it!

**Spinathon** | Share the blood, sweat and tears by organising an office spinathon with your colleagues. Set up an exercise bike in an open space, challenging your colleagues to take on a twelve-hour marathon. Take turns on the bike, with each person getting sponsorship and taking donations for their spin!

### Start saving...

**52 Week Challenge** | The 52 Week Challenge helps you set achievable saving goals and build up more than €1,000 throughout the year. It's even more simple than it sounds: during the first week of the year, you save €1; during the second, you save €2. Keeping adding a euro every week; by the last week of the year, you're putting away €52. Even before you add interest, you'll have saved €1,378 over the year: donating even a portion of this would make a huge difference to our work in Haiti!

### Get your employer involved...

**Match donations** | Many companies make employer-matched donations to their employees' chosen charities. Find out if your company is one of them, and, if so, put a spin on the funds you raise by complementing them with matching donations from your employer!

