

Fundraising ideas for Special Olympics!

**Special
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Ireland**



Fundraising ideas for schools

We have put together some fundraising ideas to inspire you. You could adapt one of these ideas to suit you or your school, or come up with your own fundraising project

Sponsored walk / cycle / swim / climb / dance / etc

Organise a sponsored event. Get as many people as you can to participate and ask them to raise money per mile walked, hours danced etc.

Non-uniform day

Request students to pay €1/£1 for the privilege of turning up at school in casual wear for one day. This is very easy to organize and a great way to raise money for Special Olympics Ireland.

Embarrass the teachers

Have students pay to see your teachers dress up in silly clothes, or put the teachers at student desks and teach them for a class. Get your teacher to grow a sponsored beard - or cut one off!

Sports day / school dance / concert

Organise a sports day, a school dance or a school concert, charge an entrance fee and donate the proceeds. Or you can do this for any school event you already organise as long as you get permission from whoever organises it. Remember that local businesses will often give you prizes for competitions or for spot prizes. You just need to ask!

Read-athon or Spell-athon

Another one the teachers will like! Students get sponsored for the number of books you can read in a given period. Make them classic novels, rather than the latest best sellers! Younger students could get sponsorship for every word they spell right in a spelling test.

Supermarket bag-packing

Ever been to the supermarket when you're trying to find your purse, pay the bill and pack your bags all at one time? Lots of people will donate a few coins to have their bags packed by eager helpers. Contact your local supermarket and set up a day (Saturday is good) where your school can pack bags.

You should have about two people to each check-out, so if the supermarket has 10 check-outs, you need 20 people. Special Olympics Ireland can lend you collection buckets, T-shirts and stickers so shoppers clearly know you are doing this for a good cause.

Quizzes

Teachers will like this one! Get them to write quiz questions - it could be general knowledge, or on specific school subjects. Have people give sponsorship pledges for every question the students get right.

This is fun if you form quiz teams to compete against each other. If the teachers are too busy to write questions, you could use a trivial pursuit game.

Raffle

See if you can get local businesses to donate prizes in return for some publicity, especially if the companies are connected to the school or young people.