



Fund Raising

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Ideas to
get you started.

This pack has been put together to help you with fundraising for COMMISSION with Scripture Union. It may seem like you have a lot of money to raise, but with a bit of effort and imagination, you can achieve your goal!

It's a good idea to contact your church first to let them know that you've been invited to take part in this exciting and life-changing year, and to encourage them to get behind your fundraising. It is worth making the point that what you learn will also be applicable to serving the local church. Many of the ideas in this pack are usable in a church setting - either in your youth group or with the whole church family. We encourage you to let as many people as possible know that you're involved in COMMISSION so that they can pray for you.

This pack contains loads of fun ideas for raising some cash and helping people to have a brilliant time into the bargain!



Making a Start: the 6 Golden Rules of Raising Funds

1) BE ENTHUSIASTIC and excited about the project yourself. If you're not, then don't expect anyone else to be!

2) BE REALISTIC about what you can achieve – don't set your sights too high. A few small money-raising schemes held over a period of time may be more effective than one major extravaganza which could fall flat.

3) BE PREPARED to WORK HARD in order to raise the cash – it's not going to fall into your lap.

4) BE IMAGINATIVE! Use the gifts that God has given you and involve as many other people (with gifts that you don't have) as you can.

5) BE APPRECIATIVE – to God for providing us with so much, and to those who have given, whatever the size of their contribution.

6) PLAN YOUR FUNDRAISING in detail.

Things go well if you think ahead and organise.



Get Creative: jot down some ideas!

Here's a few to start with...

Ask people to give

If 10 people gave £10 each month for 3 months, the total raised would be £300! If these donations were Gift Aided the total would be £375.

Ask people to give up!

If you could persuade 10 of your friends to give up one regular treat (chocolate, chips, etc) and give the money towards COMMISSION, you could raise £100! Remember to include yourself in this one!

Ask people to organise an event on your behalf

The average cinema trip costs about £10 if you include getting there, buying a ticket, popcorn, sweets and Coke. Why not ask members of your youth group/SU group to donate the cost of one cinema trip to help raise the money?

Get your church involved

We would very much like your church fellowship to be supporting you. You can do lots to help them do this:

- a) Talk to your minister/pastor/church leader. Keep them informed.
- b) Help them to see ways in which they can help. Provide them with prayer information and make it easy for them to give money.
- c) Let people in the church see that you're committed to the fellowship. They are much more likely to support you if they are convinced of this.
- d) Let the church know what is happening during the year.

Gift Aid

Because SU is a charity, it is part of the Gift Aid scheme. This allows SU to claim additional money back from the government where the person giving is working and paying tax. This works out as 25p in every £1 donated; therefore, for every £10 donated, you can raise a total of £12.50 under this scheme. You can phone the SU Finance Department for Gift Aid Forms, or if you require any help. The department can be contacted on 0141 352 7628 or finance@suscotland.org.uk

Barbeque – either offer to run a barbeque stand at another event and sell your food, or host a barbeque and sell tickets.

Cluedo nights are really fun. Sell tickets to 8 or 10 friends to take part in a murder mystery. Write it yourself to make it really topical or use a shop-bought one. Let all the participants know in advance which character they are to come as. The evening could take place over a meal, but a cheaper option might be just snacks and drinks.

Get artistic by making something to sell. What about greeting cards, painted items or anything else you can think of?

Food will always draw a crowd! Pizza nights, ice cream parties, and theme food nights are all worth a shot. Just make sure that you cover the costs in your ticket prices.

Organise a Games event with a theme, or a mini Olympics.

Horticulture – offer to spend some of your summer holidays gardening – mowing lawns, weeding, etc for your neighbours, older members of your church and ask for a donation.

Karaoke night Get your extrovert friends involved! Have an auction to see how high a bid you can get for individuals and groups to perform.

Soup lunch – cheap to run and very popular. Sell tickets in advance and advertise well. Pancakes or pizzas are pretty good too.

A progressive meal is an excellent way of involving other people in your fundraising. Many folk in your church would be delighted to host one course for the young people in the church. Move around different homes for each course and perhaps have a different international focus in each home. Charge for tickets.



Write an article for your church newsletter about your training & service with Scripture Union. Tell the congregation what your financial target is and how they can help.

Divide your financial target into 100 days (or 14 weeks). **Ask friends, family and church members to sponsor you on different days** (or weeks). For each day (or week) you get sponsored, send the sponsor a postcard, or an e-card which is free!) to thank them.

Host a **Quiz Night** for your church or youth group. If you can persuade a local business to donate a prize, all the better!

Break a **record**. Look up the Guinness Book of Records in the library and see if there are any in there that you could do.

Sponsor anything! – Organise a sponsored... walk, silence, swim, sing, continuous poetry/Shakespeare recitation, run, aerobics, tap dance.....the possibilities are endless!

Treasure Hunt – in cars, on foot, in city, in country. Themed, cryptic or geographical. Think about which group you're aiming at and plan accordingly.

Selling like hot cakes – Make your favourite tray bakes and get permission to sell them at school, church coffee morning and anywhere else you can think of.

Washing cars! If you are willing to roll your sleeves up, get wet and use some elbow grease this is a good way to raise some cash!

The best resource of all. If you're a whiz at word processing, computing, sport, maths – whatever – offer your skills to other people for a modest fee.

Start to jot down your fundraising plans here

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Checklist of things to think about for your event planning:

WHO do I need to ask for permission?

WHERE will be the best place to do this?

HOW much will it cost?

WHEN would be a good time to do it?

Collecting and Banking Money

Always have two people to count any proceeds from an event

Make cheques payable to Scripture Union Scotland (please write the name of the person sponsored on the back of the cheque)

Send money to:

Finance Department
Scripture Union Scotland
70 Milton St
Glasgow G4 OHR

We will keep accounts of how much is being raised for you.

