

Fundraise at work

Organising your own event or activity at work to raise money for The Christie can be lots of fun and a great way to get to know your colleagues! This factsheet gives you some areas to consider and some ideas to get you started.

Firstly, it is important to talk to your manager before embarking on any fundraising activities. Some points to consider:

- Does your organisation allow any time off for fundraising activities and events or must it be done out of working hours or during the lunch break?
- Will your colleagues support you?
- Will your employer match what you raise or make a contribution?
- Can you promote your activity to all your colleagues?

Check out our [Planning your activity factsheet](#) which has lots of advice and information on running a successful fundraising event.

9 to 5 fundraising ideas

There are plenty of ways by which you and your colleagues can raise funds for The Christie during office hours or after work. Why not set yourself a challenge by fixing your sights on a target? It can be amazing how much can be achieved in a single day at work. Below are just a few ideas to get you started.

Dress differently day

Employees make a donation for the pleasure of coming to work dressed just how they like. Or be different and choose a day, create a theme, and encourage everyone to wear the weird, the wild, the wacky and the ridiculous. Dress up, dress down, swap clothes and dare to be different.

National sporting events

Arrange a party to celebrate a sporting event. Run a sweepstake for the Grand National, Wimbledon, the football or the rugby, and donate a percentage of the takings to The Christie.

Hair today gone tomorrow

Get sponsored to have your hair, beard or moustache shaved off or be really daring and go for a sponsored leg, chest or back wax! For male colleagues only you could get sponsored to grow a moustache or beard and have a competition on who grows the best!

Promises, promises

Your work force may be full of secret talents that you never knew about. Ask your colleagues to donate their time and skills. They may offer a singing lesson, hair cut, gardening advice, DIY skills or even babysitting. When you have gathered your 'promises', invite everyone at work to attend, charge an entrance fee and auction off the promises.

Healthy competition

Inter department sports matches are always popular, whether it's football, netball or hockey. Teams are sponsored to play each other or charged a fee to enter. If your company is too small you could also challenge rival companies to join in the fun!



Win an extra day's holiday

Speak to your boss to see if they will give the highest bidder or winner of a raffle an extra day's paid holiday. Alternatively see if they will allow all staff the opportunity to purchase additional holiday time with all monies donated to The Christie.

"Who's the baby?"

Ten colleagues submit a baby photograph of themselves. Everyone makes a donation to have a guess at who the baby actually is. If five or more are guessed correctly, then a mystery prize is won.

Shed those pounds

Raise pounds in your efforts to shed pounds!

Roll up roll up

Ask colleagues to bake a cake or bring in second hand books, DVDs, CDs and hold a sale in the canteen or reception.

Sponges at the ready

The company car park could be made into a temporary car wash, with people making a donation for a team of employees/volunteers to wash the cars.

Staff canteen donation

This one is for companies with their own coffee shop or canteen. Why not add 20p to the cost of everything for a set hour or day. Alternatively, why not donate the normal profits of everything sold in a nominated one hour period.

Test your brain

Your company could hold a quiz night in the work canteen or even the local pub. Teams of four from each department have a knockout style challenge using trivial pursuits, blockbusters, question of sports formula etc.

Team challenge

Take teamwork to a new level, with a corporate challenge such as a paint ball contest or an assault course. First find a suitable location and activity and strike a deal. Recruit your teams and set an entry fee. Encourage everyone to get sponsored too. Publicise your event and on the day consider other ways to boost your profits, like selling refreshments, or an after party.

Company night out

This could range from a fancy dress disco to a Caribbean night with disco, buffet, raffle and tombola. Put these on for colleagues and friends with a set entrance fee. Alternatively, your company could also organise a fun night out at a local bowling alley paying an increased entrance fee with a percentage of this fee going to The Christie.

All year round

Throughout the year there are endless seasonal opportunities to fundraise, from Easter egg hunts to Christmas extravaganzas. Wear national costumes and sample food from across the globe for Eurovision. Dress up in scary costumes and bob for apples on Halloween. Or why not arrange a Valentine's ball, a singles night or even a blind date competition?

Donations in lieu of cards

Why not make a donation to The Christie in place of sending Christmas cards to colleagues or clients this year! Or if you want to send cards then you can purchase Christie cards, just contact the Corporate Team for more information.



Next steps

Once you have obtained permission and decided on your activity or event, **please register your fundraising event with us by completing our Company Fundraiser Registration Form.**

Whatever you decide to do to raise money, the Corporate Team at The Christie charity is available to offer advice, support and fundraising materials.

Don't forget to take some action photos of your fundraising. We can use them in our Christie Supporters newsletter "Successes" and your company newsletter may wish to recognise your efforts in a similar way too.

The Christie is grateful for all support. We recognise that you have many pressures and not much time so we really do appreciate all offers of support. Any donation – large or small – will always be extremely welcome.

For more information contact the Corporate Fundraising Team on 0161 446 8413 or email companies@christies.org