

FUNDRAISING IDEAS & LINKS

Fundraising can be a really important part of having a youth group. It can allow you to have more funding to go to events, retreats and days out, but also to be able to get vital materials for youth nights and activities.

Your youth group can also fundraise for your local community and for charities, as part of Lent, Cafod days, or as an ongoing mission.

Fundraising can be done by leaders, but it's also a great idea to involve your youth group in the process to help them better understand the importance of outreach in the community and parish, the wider mission of youth ministry in the diocese and wider Church, and helping create opportunities for the youth group itself.



IDEAS



Use and add to these fun ideas that you can do at youth group, or in your parish/local schools to raise those all important funds!

- **Cake Sale** - Bake and sell!
- **Second hand sale** - Old clothes and toys, books and bric a brac (with parents permission) is a great way to upcycle and to raise money
- **Non uniform days** - Ask your local school to have a
- **Help Squad** - List available youth services such as raking, child care, cleaning, dog walking, or something more specific. Set time blocks on SignUpGenius. Pair up kids with appropriate tasks, fan out and earn cash.
- **Raffle**. 50/50 is the easiest. The winner gets half and your group keeps the other half.
- **Disco** - Invite young people to bring friends and raise money through a tuck shop and stall games!
- **Tuck Shop** - Might sound simple to some, but having a tuck shop is a great way to build up money gathered by the youth group for an end of year/term night
- **Caroling** - Singing songs, or a carols family evening around Christmas can be a great fundraiser and fun for the family.
- **A Big walk** - Sponsored walk can raise a lot of money and can be a great way to have fun and return to nature whilst doing it for a great cause
- **Bonfire night/hog roast** - Family days with mass and fun for all!

LINKS

With grants and fundraising, there are several places in your area and in the diocese that will hopefully be able to guide you, and help with applications/give you some answers.



For the Archdiocese fundraising team, have a look at this page:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/faqs/fundraising> and maybe email Kevin if you think what he offers may be of use (his email address is on the web page).

I would also suggest looking at the available options for your given Parish, District and County councils.

For instance, there is this web page Staffordshire County Council CVYS:

www.staffscvys.org.uk/funding

This looks really good, and they have a grant finder tool and they can help offer advice, guidance and proof reading for any grant questions or applications you might have.

County Councils often have funding available for local services providing youth offerings and Applications are able to be submitted from 19th April to 31st October each year, and for some it could be up to £2000 - if the community project involves looking after ourselves, others, our living space, wellbeing etc

I would also look at Comic relief, who are offering up to £10,000 for providing youth services to the right application, or Tesco community grants are an option, but there may be some more local options that suit better.

Great websites to look at:

www.ctbi.org.uk/funding-links - listed possible sources of alternative funding and support for charities, Christian organisations, churches and community projects.

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