



FUNDRAISING PACK

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Thank you for fundraising

In this pack you'll find everything you need to know to put on a fantastic event in aid of BHT



Your step-by-step guide to fundraising



Let us know you are going to host an event

Get in touch with us so we can understand how we can support you, and so we can ensure you have read our Fundraising Agreement, Email fundraising@bht.org.uk.



Decide what fundraising event you'd like to do

We've got plenty of ideas on page 5 of this pack. Often the simplest ideas are the best, but if you're planning something innovative then we'd love to hear about it.



Set the date

Give yourself plenty of time to prepare and make sure your event doesn't clash with another one!



Book a venue

If you need to book a venue then make sure you have a checklist that may include capacity, accessibility, parking. If it is taking place in a public area then you may need to apply for license from your local council.



Get your friends involved

Ask your family and friends to help. Ensure you have a checklist of tasks and this will help determine how many volunteers you may need.



Spread the word!

Utilise social media websites to let your networks know what you've got planned. Printing out posters and putting them up in local cafes and shops is a great way to engage the local community.

A young girl with dark skin and curly hair is smiling at the camera. She is wearing a large, colorful headband made of balloons. The headband features a large green balloon loop that goes around her head, with a large pink balloon flower attached to the top. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green foliage and a white tent.

Fantastic fundraising ideas

Here's a few suggestions to help you plan an unforgettable fundraising event

- A host afternoon tea, an auction or take on an abseil
- B organise a bake sale or charity bingo night at work
- C clear out with a car boot sale or organise a carol concert
- D ask for donations for dog walking
- E sell unwanted items on eBay or organise an egg and spoon race!
- F have a fancy dress day at school or a five a side footie match
- G guess the weight of the cake or do good deeds for donations
- H be brave and do a head shave
- I invite friends for an Italian themed dinner party
- J jazz night, jumble sale or wear Jeans to Work Day
- K warm up your vocals with a karaoke night
- L collect loose change or host a line dancing event
- M a murder mystery night is great way to put the fun in fundraising
- N a non-uniform day at school
- O office Olympics is a great way to engage your colleagues
- P organise a photography exhibition or host a poker night
- Q test your friends' general knowledge with a quiz!
- R a raffle or a race night
- S test yourself with a sponsored silence or be brave with a skydive
- T a tombola or a treasure hunt
- U an unwanted present day sale after the festive season
- V host a variety show in your school or workplace
- W a sponsored waxing or walk to work
- X organise an X-Factor show!
- Y set yourself a year long fundraising goal
- Z a Zumba-thon is a great way to fundraise and get fit!



Top tips for successful fundraising

Some suggestions to maximise your
on- and off-line fundraising

A close-up photograph of a person's hands, with white-painted fingernails, cupping a large pile of US coins. The coins include several quarters and many pennies. Resting on top of the coins is a small, torn piece of white paper with the words "MAKE A CHANGE" written in bold, black, hand-drawn capital letters. The person is wearing blue denim jeans, and the background is a blurred outdoor setting.

MAKE A CHANGE.

Boost your fundraising goal with our top tips

Set up a JustGiving page



JustGiving is a great way to get donations at the click of a button. Set up your JustGiving page by visiting www.justgiving.com and search for Brighton Housing Trust.

Share your story

An engaging story can make all the difference. Let your social media networks know why you're fundraising and what it means to you.

Contact your local press

A bit of exposure in your local newspaper or on local radio can make all the difference. You can download a template press release from our website.

Let your networks know how their donations will help

People love to know the impact of their giving so let your supporters know exactly how their donation will help. We've put some examples on page 9, but if you need any more information then do not hesitate to get in touch.

Set a target!

It's a great way of not only motivating yourself but also other people attending your event! Letting your friends and family know when you are closer to your goal may encourage more donations.

Advertise your event /fundraising in your email signature

A great way of reminding your colleagues, friends and family is to include a link to your JustGiving page or event in your email signature.

How your donations make a difference

It's thanks to supporters like you that we can be there for vulnerable people who need our help. Whatever money you raise will make a difference to the lives of people who are rough sleeping or vulnerably housed.





£50

could provide the rough sleepers in our city who visit First Base with toiletries such as shower gel, toothbrushes and toothpaste for 3 weeks.

£75

could cover the cost of water, gas and electricity to heat First Base and keep the lights on for one day.



£400



could pay for training for a specialist housing adviser who will provide casework support to someone who is homeless or worried about becoming homeless.

£2000

could pay for skills training, including accredited courses, to help twenty people to find employment.





Meet Neil

BHT's First Base day centre in Brighton offers a range of services to support people who are sleeping rough or insecurely housed in the city, to get off the streets, start realising their aspirations through work, learning and leisure and find a place they can call home. This is Neil's story.

Neil started sleeping rough around two years ago. He was suffering from physical and mental health problems that had been exacerbated by life on the streets.

When he first started coming to First Base, Neil was sleeping under Brighton's Palace Pier. After sleeping out all night, he looked forward to the chance to get warm and have a shower, put on clean clothes, and have a hot meal. More importantly, he was able to get support and advice to help him find a way out of rough sleeping.

First Base supported Neil to access temporary accommodation but after a serious deterioration in his mental health he was admitted to hospital. While he was in hospital Neil lost his accommodation and, on discharge, he returned to rough sleeping.

Neil again sought support from First Base as his mental and physical health was getting worse. His case worker supported and advised him, building up his confidence and self-esteem. He was supported to apply for accommodation and has now moved into a place he can call home.

When Neil first moved into his new home, he had no possessions of his own and realised he would need more help to maintain the changes in his life. His First Base case worker helped him to find bedding and kitchen utensils and made referrals to a food bank.

With our continued and flexible support, Neil has now moved on from rough sleeping and has somewhere safe and warm to stay each night.

By fundraising for BHT you're helping hundreds of people, like Neil, receive critical support that enables them to better support themselves, their families and their futures.



The BHT Fundraising & Publicity team



How to send in your money

Send a cheque

Cheques can be made payable to 'Brighton Housing Trust' and sent to:

Fundraising Team
BHT
144 London Road
Brighton
BN1 4PH

Transfer your funds to us directly

Let us know if you are doing this by emailing fundraising@bht.org.uk so we know to expect it. Include a reference such as a surname, organisation name or the name of your event.

Account name: BHT No.1 Account
Sort code: 16-14-24
Account number: 11335339

Get in touch

We'd love to hear from you to find out how your event went. You can email any details or photos to fundraising@bht.org.uk. We might give you a shout out on social media or write about you in our newsletter with your permission. Alternatively give us a call on [01273 645464](tel:01273645464).



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