



Quaker activity appeal

Fundraising ideas

Events

For any event we suggest that you display the appeal poster and some 2006 Annual Review posters. Ask us for more if you need them.

Themed lunch

Hold a bring and share lunch and ask for contributions. Make some of the recipes if you can.

Share out the study pack about the BYM project and the lives of the people we help:

Recipes, poster, information sheet, personal stories. Each person can share what they have learned with others.

Garden event

Small :

Open garden event if any Friends have a suitable garden

Cream teas, combined with plant sale (give out packets of seeds to the children in Spring), cuttings, cakes, biscuits etc.

Large:

Hire venue, sell tickets, ask garden centre to donate stock or invite them to run a stall for a cut in the profit (plants, garden furniture, tools etc.). Run competitions for plants/photos/drawings etc. Hold quiz on plant varieties. Invite local celebrity. Advertise in the local media.

Dance

Barn dance, country dance, céilidh, themed, historical.

Invite a local dance teacher to give a free demo in return for publicity.

Advertise in the local media.

Under 18s disco

Run by and for the young people. Target those too young to get into pubs. Young people can invite friends from school. Hire a band. This would be a real public service for parents of restless teenagers. No alcohol a real plus!

Concert

Does anyone sing, play an instrument in an orchestra or band? Get them to share their talents!

Quiz night

Themes: general knowledge, Quaker knowledge, local knowledge. Identify a tune (pop or classical). Solicit a prize from local bookshop in return for publicity.

Sports tournament

Do you take part in a sport - squash/tennis/football? Why not set up a tournament? five a side football? Participants pay to take part and the winner receives a prize or 25% of the entry money.

Auction of goods/car boot sale

Unwanted goods/clothes/books in good condition. Many people have items which they don't quite want but don't want to throw away either. An alternative option: a 'silent auction'- everyone places their bid in an envelope; the highest bidder gets the item.

A treasure hunt with donated items

'Just a Minute'

Hold a sponsored game show with – no repeating, hesitating or deviating. Use an expert or well known personality, who is prepared to donate their time to give a talk or performance. Charge admission, have a break to sell refreshments and an auction of a signed book or autograph.

Austerity lunch

Ask all your colleagues to bring in sandwiches for their lunch and donate the money saved to the project.

Activities

Auction of promises

Some people in your meeting may not have much money but many of them can offer skills–this has real community building potential. Children could offer to do tasks accompanied by an adult. The sorts of skills which could be offered:

hedge cutting, gardening (garden maintenance), window cleaning, house cleaning, birthday cake making, car washing (young people do a car-wash Sunday), a week in a weekend cottage, an hour's tuition in ... piano/ guitar/ drawing/etc.

Then and now

Ask everybody to bring a picture of themselves now and when they were a child. To take part, ask people to make a donation to match the pairs. Give a prize to the person with the most matches. Variations on this could be unknown facts: 'Guess who was born in..., can speak Gallic, used to play in a band, etc.' A good way of helping people to get to know one another.

Q bay

Collect unwanted items, and either sell them on ebay and donate the money. Alternatively, you could have a sale at the meeting house.

Fairtrade Fair

Stock up on fairtrade goods and run a sale once a month.

Sponsored activities at an event

A concert, singing, poetry recital, dancing, anything else which would be entertaining and done in one place.

Other sponsoring:

Swimming, walking, cycling, slimming etc etc..

Ecumenical events

Joint projects with other churches for joint Quaker/ecumenical projects, e.g. run an event to fundraise for EAPPI, combined with an EA speaker