

The Hope Foundation

Fundraising Ideas for Schools



A staggering 100,000 children in Kolkata (formerly known as Calcutta), India, are street children, living with no shelter. Add to this the children whose only shelter is plastic sheeting or makeshift shacks in the slums, and the number reaches 250,000.

While many are born into life in the streets and slums, others are pushed into destitution by poverty, overcrowding, abuse, or family illness or breakdown. They eke out a living working long hours in dangerous conditions to meet their needs, alongside India's 60 million child workers.

The Hope Foundation offers these children protection, education and healthcare through over 60 projects. Please join us in our efforts to raise funds to combat child poverty! We would be delighted if your school could help us. Here are a few ideas to get you started!



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Fundraising Ideas

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- **Buzz Word Day - Auction of Promises**
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- **X Factor or Britain's Got Talent?**
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- **Themed Food Day**
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- **School Fete/fun day**
- **Car wash**



Cupcakes or Cake pops?

Why not hold a cake sale specifically for 'fun' looking food? Fundraising *is* fun after all! Get your school to make and decorate little cakes or pops then sell them at break time or after school. (You can find a great cake pop recipe at <http://bit.ly/nV6m1> or by searching on Google). You could even run a Bring & Buy sale too for the parents and put on a raffle.

You could also include a second hand book sale alongside the cake sale, having fixed prices for paperbacks, hardbacks and children's books.

Buzz Word Day - Auction of Promises

Decide on a 'buzz' word, such as "want/play/hungry", or even "no!", and for one whole school day nobody can utter that word. If they do then somebody sounds the buzzer and the culprit gets a tally by their name. At the end of the day, the person from each class with the most tallies is automatically entered into the 'Auction of Promises' game.

This is to be held in front of the whole school, where each nominee announces their 'promise to keep', to help out at school or at home. The rest of the children bid in an auction to win the promises. The teachers can have a bank of appropriate and achievable promises for each child to choose from, such as collecting litter, keeping their bedroom tidy, being good all week, walking the dog, doing their homework on time, etc. The bidding could start at 10p and go up in tens, so the children should be asked beforehand to bring in change. The staff decide how far to let the bidding go!



Mufti Day/ Fancy dress

How about getting the whole school involved in a non-uniform day? It's an easy way to raise a lot of money, each child bringing in a pound to help HOPE. Perhaps you would like to make it a fancy dress day instead, dressing up as your favourite characters to make the day even more fun!



Treasure Hunt

Create a map, hide your chosen treasure, and unleash students, parents, and teachers into the crevices of the school in search of their prize. Operate a small fee on entry and dot around some cryptic clues on the way for this exciting fundraising challenge.

Penny chains across the playground

Help raise money for HOPE by competing against other classes or year groups to make the longest line of pennies across the school playground! Or see how long the chain can be for the whole school combined.

The pennies will then stretch a long way in Kolkata too when they are put towards our projects!



X Factor or Britain's Got Talent?

Set up an 'X-Factor' themed competition or "[Your] School's Got Talent" to showcase singing, dancing and performance talent in the school! Operate a voting system for the rest of the school (the audience) to get involved and help decide upon the winner, the funniest act, best potential etc! Ask each

child to bring in 50p or £1 to take part.

Concert Evening

Organise an evening of music in aid of HOPE, showcasing a selection of solo and ensemble pieces that the children have worked on over the year. Charge a ticket fee and sell cakes and refreshments in the interval, with profits going towards The Hope Foundation.





Swap Shop

For only 50p a swap, children can bring in their unwanted toys in exchange for another toy of their choice. Create a 'shop', organise for somebody to play shopkeeper, then begin the swapping! As well as supporting a charity, every child gets a different toy to take home.

Themed food day

Transform the school lunch hall into another world, with themed food. How about a delicious Indian Food Day for HOPE? Each child pays a pound to try some tasty treats such as naan bread, bombay potatoes, Bombay mix, curry, pilau rice, samosas, aloo gobi and rice pudding with an Indian twist such as pistachios or raisins.

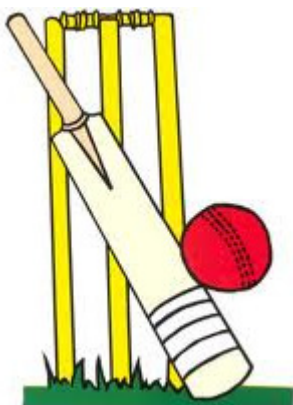


Spell-a-thon

The children in each year group receive an appropriate list of 100 words to learn and a sponsorship sheet to take home. Sponsors can pledge a flat donation or an amount per correct spelling.



It only requires an hour or so of class time to run the spellathon and the children can correct each other's answers. They learn something useful in the process, but a word of warning... it can get a little competitive!



Sports Tournament

Pick a team sport and get the whole school involved. It could be a pupils versus teachers rounders match, quick cricket, football, basketball etc. Each student makes a small donation to participate. Prizes and certificates can be awarded to the winners.

Some students may also like to take part in a fun run, for example a 1K challenge, and be sponsored in aid of HOPE.

School fete/fun day

Organise a fun filled day with stalls, music, refreshments and games. You can even use this day to include some of the other fundraising ideas from our list, perhaps the treasure hunt, cake sale and car wash?



Car wash

Cars always need washing! Arrange for the children to put on a car wash in the playground one afternoon in the summer for teachers' and parents' cars, charging a small donation for the service.

Useful tips!

Please let us know

Please let us know about any fundraising events you decide to hold in case we receive any enquiries. You can do this by emailing info@thehopefoundation.org.uk or calling 0844 478 0778.

Sponsorship Forms

The Hope Foundation can provide you with sponsorship forms – please email info@thehopefoundation.org.uk.

How to pay in the funds

Funds raised can be paid in by cheque made payable to “The Hope Foundation for Street Children” and sent to: The Hope Foundation, Magnum House, High Street, Lane End, Bucks, HP14 3JG.

Alternatively, a BACS transfer giving the school’s name as a reference can be made to:

Bank: Barclays
Account name: The Hope Foundation for Street Children
Account number: 73967735
Sortcode: 208573

Further Information

Our website (www.thehopefoundation.org.uk) contains a great deal of photos and videos as well as information about our work...

You can:

- Read all about our education projects at <http://www.thehopefoundation.org.uk/education.html>,
- Watch our videos on our youtube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/user/thehopefoundationuk#p/u>
- Learn about other ways to support HOPE at <http://www.thehopefoundation.org.uk/get-involved.html>.

A member of the HOPE team would be able to **visit your school** before your fundraising event to show a short DVD, talk about our work and answer your questions. Please get in touch with us to arrange this on 0844 478 0778 or by emailing info@thehopefoundation.org.uk. We can also email you photos about our work for lessons or assembly if this is preferred.

Thank you so much for your support!

