

Fundraising in February!



February is a cold dark month for going out and about asking for donations, but luckily it also provides one of the best opportunities of the year for fundraisers: Valentine's day! Whether you're making the most of loving couples need to express their affection, or helping singletons to find an antidote to all the hearts and flowers, there are lots of ways to make the most of this time of year.

Sell roses – real ones can be hard to source cheaply this time of year due to over-demand, so try sourcing and selling alternatives (which make a nicer gift anyway) – wooden roses, chocolate roses, paper roses etc. Sell them round campus or at Valentines night out (ask your student union if you can sell them at their inevitable Valentines event!)

Make and sell custom valentines cards – a great one for those who are crafty or artistic!

Do a **valentines themed bake sale** with heart shaped cookies, valentine cupcakes, and themed cakes.

Valentines delivery – offer to deliver anonymous valentines messages for people!

Valentines babysitting – if you know any couples with young kids, offering to babysit around valentines night can be very welcome and they'll pay well for the chance to get out for the night!

Host a valentine's dinner for your single friends – ask them to pay what they would for a night out at a fancy restaurant. Play matchmaker by getting everyone to switch seats between each course so they get a chance to talk to everyone.

And of course not everything in February has to be covered in hearts! Here's some non-valentines ideas;

February night in – February is a cold gloomy month, so stay in and lay on some fun at home for your mates. Get in pizza and snacks, put on a film (maybe a romantic comedy to fit with the valentines theme, or stick on a horror film as an antidote to all the sickly sweet romance!), lay on some hot toddies, and ask your friends to pay whatever they would have spent on a night out! Add some fun fundraising games to raise even more!

Flower or bulb sale – celebrate the approach of spring by selling flowers or bulbs for people to spruce up their gardens or just liven up their homes.

Make overs – any good at hair and make-up? Offer to do make-overs for people just before their big night out (Valentines being the obvious one, but this works all year round)

Car wash – this time of year, cars get muddy – so run a carwash in your Uni carpark (getting permission from the Uni first, of course)

Looking forward to March:

Easter is early this year, (Sunday March 27) so get planning Easter themed fundraising activities already!

Run an **Easter egg hunt**

Sell decorated eggs and other treats at an **Easter themed bake sale.**

Sell or raffle off Easter and spring themed **basket hampers**