Developing a Fundraising Strategy

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Welcome & Introduction





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Over 20 Years working as a development officer, consultant, mentor and trainer in communities - developing social enterprises, community projects, facilities and services.

- Feasibility Analysis
- Community Planning
- Strategic and Business Planning
- Mentoring & Training
- Sourcing Funding



A not for profit organisation must think like a for profit business.

i.e. Cashflow is the KEY consideration

More money coming in than going out

You May be an Not For Profit but you are also a **Not For Loss** Organisation



Cost Analysis

- Review Costs Regularly
- If it doesn't add revenue question it
- If it doesn't benefit the strategic direction of the organisationand/or project – question it
- If it is not really needed question it
- If additional one off funding leads to additional admin or adds to operational costs (post funding) – question it
- Can the costs be covered through 'in-kind' support or voluntary support



The Budget

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	Мау	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Income													
Fees													
Fundraising													
Sponsors													
Grants													
Total Income													
Expenses													
Staff													
Rent													
Utilities (Heat and Light, Phone, Broadband)													
Loans													
Materials													
Professional Fees													
Repairs													
Equipment													
Office Costs (Stationery, Postage)													
Total Expenses													
Net Income/Loss													

Sources of Funding

- Fee Income For Services, Products, Facilities. Membership, etc.
- One off Grants and Core Grants
- Fundraising & Online Fundraising
- Sponsors & Partners
- Donors & Philanthropy
- Social Loans Clann Credo, Community Finance Ireland
- Commercial Loans
- In Kind Contributions Labour, Materials, Equipment



Fundraising

- There are numerous methods of fundraising the more creative the better
- Look at the return for the effort involved
- Large fundraising events are hard work but are profitable (i.e. Race nights, Golf Classics etc) Big events will get more publicity also and will attract more corporate sponsors
- Running many small events requires more effort throughout the year and are less profitable (i.e. Cake sales, flag days, etc.)



Steps

- Establish a dedicated fundraising team
- Review previous fundraising strategy and fundraisers what worked, what didn't work.
- Set a target based on cost analysis and revenue required
- Define the ask how to make the case what will be done with money and what will the impact be
- Identify how this will be communicated
- Build the network of contacts and prospects-hub and spoke model
- Identify potential events and activities
- Plan and implement the activities/events
- Evaluate the effort and results





General Community, Businesses











Fundraisers

Peer-to-peer fundraising accounts for ¹/₃ of all online donations, so it's one of the best online fundraising ideas out there. Encourage your networks to set up personal fundraising pages

1 in 4 emails from peer-to-peer fundraisers result in donations, compared with 1 in 1,250 emails from a nonprofit..."

Choose a Day Campaign – linked to an important date relevant to the group or area

• Choose a day and actively encourage donations and sharing through all your social media channels, such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Snapchat.

Donation Matching Drive

 Build on that one-day email fundraising idea by securing a match from a company or major donor and advertise the match in your email campaign. Donors love to know that their money was leveraged, and with matching gifts, they're essentially giving two gifts for the price of one.



Tax Relief on Donations

- Donations of €250 or more in any one year you make to charity are eligible for Tax Relief for donations to Eligible Charities. With the donors consent in addition to the original donation made, the charity can claim the PAYE tax paid on the donation back from Revenue thereby maximising the donation to the charity. The donor must complete a revenue form which is returned to the charity.
- <u>https://www.revenue.ie/en/companies-and-charities/charities-and-sports-bodies/charitable-donation-scheme/index.aspx</u>



An approved body may claim 31% tax relief on your donation. They receive the grossed up amount, net of tax deducted at the specified rate.

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Example

If you make a donation of €250, the approved body is deemed to have received a gross donation. The gross donation is calculated as follows:

€250/(100%-31%)=€362.32. The approved body can claim a refund of €112.32 which is €362.32x31%.

Certification to the approved body

You can provide an approved body with the required information to claim the tax relief on your donation by either:

- sending them a completed [PDF] CHY4 Cert annually
- sending a [PDF] <u>CHY3 Enduring Certificate</u> which covers a period of up to five years.



Thousands of participants have been getting their friends and family to sponsor them to shave or dye their hair. By shaving or dying your hair, you are showing your support for thousands of people who are going through, or have gone though, cancer treatment.

Your Shave or Dye fundraiser will help us to provide free cancer services such as our Cancer Support Line, Remote Counselling and Night Nurses, who are all supporting people with cancer across the country during coronavirus.

This year we hope the generosity and spirit of the Irish public will help us to continue to deliver our vital services to cancer patients and families during this time of crisis. Cancer doesn't stop, and neither do we.



Sign up now



Shave or Dye fundraising from home



Your stories: Shave or Dye fundraising from home



About Shave or Dye



The Ice Bucket Challenge Raised \$220m in 2014 for ALS (Motor Neuron Disease)





Online Fundraising = New Opportunities

- New Revenue Stream
- Wider audience
- Diaspora
- Creative campaigns
- More transparent and easier admin
- More cost effective
- Less volunteer hours



Develop your own website

Advantages

- Full Control of Content
- Better opportunities for marketing
- Can provide more information to potential donors
- Promotes the work you do
- Build a database of contacts (e.g. newsletter sign ups, contact forms)
- Notice Board
- Communication tool with clients and stakeholders

Disadvantages

- Set up costs
- Maintenance Costs
- Management and updating the site
- Quality of content
- Too much information
- Quality of design



Options

- Look for local company who may develop the site for free (they must be available after the site is up and running)
- Use a DIY website builder e.g. <u>www.wix.com</u>, <u>www.weebly.com</u> (not advisable unless some way experienced)
- Look at potential funding options to assist with cost
- Look at sponsors (offer space for sponsors logos on home page)
- Get advice on best payment platforms



Hiring a web designer

- If you are including payment functions (online registration, online shop, donate page) make sure you use a reputable web designer
- Make sure they provide a support service
- Make sure the web designer understands Search Engine Optimisation
- Look at samples of their work talk to their client
- Ideally go with a designer who also specialises in digital marketing
- Have a clear brief for the designer in terms of what you need, content, styles, functionality etc.
- Agree the brief in writing once both parties are satisfied
- For grants you will probably need 3 quotes





Charity Website

Example – Bumbleance

Here people have options to donate online

- Text Donation
- Bank Transfer
- Postal Donation
- Donate Button links to payment processor (Stripe or Paypal)
- Processing fees on transactions





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Thank you for choosing to donate to Pieta

We need your help more than ever to support our lifesaving work. We rely on the generosity of the public, whose donations and fundraising make up over 80% of our income.



Contact

To talk in confidence about making a donation, please Freephone 1800 14 14 14 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)



€ 20 help our caring therapists answer two more calls to our helpline.







€ 90 the first session of a dedicated therapy session



an entire programme of counselling services for one person with



Fundraising Sites and Crowd Funding









Fund it is an Ireland-based, Ireland-wide crowdfunding website





KICKSTARTER

A Kickstarter project does more than raise money. It builds community around your work.

What can I use Kickstarter to fund? Kickstarter is specifically for creative projects in the following categories: Art, Comics, Crafts, Dance, Design, Fashion, Film & Video, Food, Games, Journalism, Music, Photography, Publishing, Technology, and Theater. Make an album, write a book, create an immersive theater experience, score a film you name it. Read more about <u>our project guidelines</u>.

Who can I get pledges from?

Millions of people visit Kickstarter every week, but support always begins with people you know. Friends, fans, and the communities you're a part of will likely be some of your earliest supporters, not to mention your biggest resources for spreading the word about your project.



Fundraising Sites

Idonate .ie

- 5% transaction fee per donation
- This can be paid by the donor if they wish
- No other fees







Fundraising Sites

Go fund me

- 2.9% transaction fee +0.30c per donation
- No other fees







Fundraising Sites

Just Giving

- 1.9% transaction fee +0.20c per donation
- No other fees





Text Campaigns

Used by larger charities

Used also for competitions



Text-to-Donate

FEE SCHEDULE

Donation Processing Fees (effective from 1st January 2016)

DONATION	NETWORK	OUTPAYMENT	LIKECHARITY FEE
€2.00	Meteor Bill Pay	€1.63	No Fee
€2.00	All Other Networks	€1.80	€0.20 (incl. 23% VAT)
€4.00	Meteor Bill Pay	€3.25	No Fee
64.00	All Other Networks	€3.60	€0.40 (Incl. 23% VAT)
65.00	Meteor Bill Pay	€4.88	No Fee
€6.00	All Other Networks	€5.40	€0.60 (Incl. 23% VAT)

Keyword Fees (effective from 1st January 2016)

DESCRIPTION	LIKECHARITY FEE
Keyword Setup (paid at setup time)	€246 (incl. 23% VAT)
Keyword Annual Hosting (paid annually in advance)	€123 (incl. 23% VAT)

WHAT DO WE DO?

Our Text Platform Collects Donations From Irish Phone Networks. It Acts As A Large Wireless Collection Box. We Have A Number Of Text-To-Donate Products Suitable For Various Uses.

See how some of our clients have used text-to-

donate.

SERVICES INCLUDE

- · Text-to-Donate (Once-off)
- Text-to-Donate (Recurring, Weekly & Monthly)
- · Competitions / Raffles / Polls
- Sponsorship

More info below...





Facebook Fundraising

- Set up a fundraiser on the • charity facebook page
- No fees -100% of • donation goes to the charity

* Fundraisers for Charitable Organizations

To create a fundraiser for a charitable organization, click here or follow these steps:

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- Click SFundraisers in the left menu of your News Feed.
- Click Raise Money. 2
- Select Nonprofit or Charity. 3
- Select a charitable organization, choose a cover photo and fill in the fundraiser details. 4
- 5 Click Create.

Note: Administrators of nonprofit Pages can also create fundraisers using the same directions





Online Lotto

	About Us	Features 🗸 Our Customers 🗸	Pricing News Contact Us		
		Other Providers	Clubforce		
Compare Us to the res	t				
Initial Set-up fee		Varies	€439.85		
Annual Training & Support Fee		Varies	€200		
Transactional Fees (Memberships & Tickets)		Varies	3.9% + 37 cents		
Transactional Fees (Online Lotto)		Varies	10%		
VAT*		23%	None*		
Merchant Account Included?		×	~		
Merchant Account Fees Included?		×	~		
Bank Charges Included?		×	~		
Chargebacks At No Extra Charge?		×	~		
Prompt Refund Processing?		×	~		
Unlimited Training & Support?		×	~		
Multi-User Access		×	✓		
Money Back Guarantee?		×	~		

Promoting your Campaign

- Social Media Posts and campaigns Hub and Spoke
 - Your goal on social media sites and elsewhere should be to get people to click over to the campaign hub on your website to make a donation.
 - The Hub is where you want people to go to in order to make a donation. The spokes are the ways you attract them
- Email Campaigns
- Whatsapp and Text Alerts (through groups e.g. clubs, school etc.)
- Local Notes/Newsletters
- PR launch campaign in local press and radio
- Local Radio interviews



Promoting your campaign

- Poster Campaign Locally
- Bill board campaign Local Campaign
- Use influencers sports people, artists, actors, business people, models etc.
- Use a hook fun, entertaining, edgy but not controversial.
- Use Visuals This means that you need to make sure that your campaign can be explained and shared in photos or videos online.



Sample of Promotional Materials and Video





Use 3d generated images as above to show what the finished project will look like





DEVELOPEMENT PLAN

KERRY COUNTY BOARD

Produce high quality documents to back up sponsorship proposals and also grant/loan applications

If possible utilise the services of a graphic designer who may provide their services for free.













https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9uqmlyTECo



Your Campaign Message Must Be Simple

What will the money be used for? How can we donate? What will the impact be?





HELP US BUILD OUR PLAYGROUND



Go to www.villageplayground.com for details Text 'donate' to 54678 to donate now Donate on our facebook page

Targeting the diaspora

- Target the Diaspora great thing about online campaigns, people anywhere can donate
- Target anyone linked to your community living abroad
- Encourage them to promote the campaign amongst their network
- Like and share campaigns



Sponsorship







Sponsorship

- The most underutilised form of raising funds in Ireland
- The key is to identify companies that are targeting customers that are using your services
- What activities will get most coverage
- What are the benefits to the Company
- Identify key people to champion your project
- Look at longer term partners multi-year deals



Targeting Companies

- Companies that donate can use it as a marketing tool
- Brand opportunities on the website and social media pages
- Thank you campaign mentioning the donor company and their logo
- Sponsors logos can be show on the home page of the site
- Photo shoot of handing over the cheque or launch campaigns etc.

Thank You

Best of Luck with your future fundraising plans

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