1625 Independent People

FUNDRAISING PACK





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THANK YOU SO MUCH!

At 1625 we are dedicated to providing round-the-clock support to young people who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or leaving care.

None of this would be possible without your invaluable support — whether you're fundraising as an individual, with colleagues, or as part of a community or faith group, every single effort makes a real difference.

Thanks to you, young people can access housing, relationship mediation, mental health support, peer-led activities, and employment, education, and training support.

It's truly remarkable how people like you — and the communities, groups, and organisations behind you — dedicate so much time and energy to fundraising, ensuring we can sustain and expand our services.

Because of your generosity, we are one step closer to a world where all young people have a safe place to live, trusted adults they can turn to, and access to the opportunities they deserve.

1,900+

young people supported by 1625 in the last year



Bethan's Story

> *When I first started, I was not myself. I didn't want to socialise with people, I didn't want to do anything... I was a ghost. Domestic abuse meant there was no meaning in life for me.*

Bethan wasn't working, was on benefits and had moved in with her mum after leaving her abusive ex-partner. Living with mum came with some carer duties, stress around a family bereavement and issues with supporting her younger brother.

We introduced Bethan to our peer social group, starting with a trip to a jobs and wellbeing fair. Bethan approached employers' stalls with encouragement from other young people and her engagement worker, she had never done anything like that before and it made her happy to feel confident. Since then she has been attending the social club regularly.

As well as building confidence, Bethan has been a great support to her peers. She actively listens to them in group discussions and provides empathy and relatable insights into their situations. Bethan has also shown greater resilience- sometimes she takes a few weeks to handle a stressful situation but then gets back in touch and gets involved with positive activities again.

> *I'm able to go out independently a lot more and have friendships that I hang out with outside the sessions. I'm still a bit iffy with work but have applied for a few things, and feel a bit more confident in it. Before I never would have messaged people to hang out or approach potential new [employers]*

WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES



£6.00

could buy a Day-Pass bus ticket so a young person could get to college, attend an interview, or join one of 1625's peer social trips.

£15.00

could buy ingredients for a cooking session for three young people, empowering them to master the art of preparing nutritious meals within a budget.

£50.00

could buy smart clothes and shoes for a young person about to start work or attend an interview.

£100.00

could buy a 5-month gym membership to support a young person's health and wellbeing.

£1,000.00

could provide 8 coaching sessions to support a young person with employment, education, mental health, domestic/sexual violence, or participation.

FUNDRAISING BASICS

So, you've decided you want to fundraise! Amazing!
But where to start? Below is our handy guide to planning your own fundraising event

1. **Choose your activity**
Will it be a sponsored challenge like a run, swim or cycle or a ticketed event such as a bingo night or dance? Maybe you will be selling something such as a bake sale, bring & buy, or art show?

2. **Choose your audience**
Who do you want to invite to this event? Colleagues, friends, family or members of the public? Is it just going to be adults only or will families and children be invited?

3. **Choose your location**
Is your event going to be in the office, at someone's house or in a public place? Is it going to be inside or outside? It could even be a virtual event hosted online!

4. **Choose your time**
Will it be during the workday or after school? During the week or at the weekend? Will it be during the holidays or at a particular time of year?

5. **Choose your communication**
How will you promote the event? Through word-of-mouth, posters, social media posts, email or messenger? What do people need to know about the event?

6. **Choose your donation method**
How will you take donations? Online via a platform like Just Giving? Or in person with cash? What about a card machine or a contactless donation device?

A-Z OF FUNDRAISING IDEAS

A Auction	B Bingo Night	C Cold Water Swim
D Disco	E Exhibition	F Football Tournament
G Golf Tournament	H Hiking Challenge	I International Food Festival
J Jumble Sale	K Karaoke Night	L Livestream Gaming
M Marathon	N Networking Night	O Open-Mic Night
P Plant Sale	Q Quiz Night	R Race Night
S Street Party	T Table Tennis Tournament	U Upcycling Market
V Vehicle Show	W Wedding Gift Donations	X Xmas Jumper Day
Y Year-long Challenge	Z Zipwire	

Still stuck? Read on for some of our favourite ideas...



SLEEP OUT

Every year, 1625 Independent People hosts a Sleep Out — where supporters give up the comfort of their beds for one night to raise money for young people experiencing homelessness in Bristol.

Join our annual Sleep Out

Sign up to take part in 1625's official Sleep Out event, held every November. We'll provide the location, the atmosphere, and the company of fellow supporters all sleeping out for one night — you bring the sponsorship and the warm layers.

Check out our events page for the latest info and to sign up.

Events Page

Can't make our annual event? Host your own Sleep Out with your community, workplace, or friends.

How to Run a Community Sleep Out

A community Sleep Out is a brilliant overnight fundraiser for groups of any kind — community groups, workplaces, faith groups, or clubs. Supporters sleep in a hall, garden, car park, or wherever works for your group, and raise sponsorship from friends, family, and colleagues.

Before the event

- Agree a date, location, and supervision arrangements with your venue.
- Let your group know the details in advance, and share a permission slip if under-18s are taking part.
- Set up a fundraising page (see page 10) so people can collect pledges ahead of the night.
- Plan activities for the evening — games, food, and a short talk about 1625's work helps bring the cause to life.

On the night

- Sleeping bags, roll mats, and warm layers — no beds allowed!
- Document your night on social media using #SleepOut1625 to inspire others to take part.
- Share stories about the young people your fundraising is helping.

SPONSORED CHALLENGES

Fancy pushing yourself while raising money for young people in Bristol? From cycling challenges, ultra-distance events, and overseas treks, sponsored challenges are a brilliant way to fundraise while taking on something personal.

Whether you're after a local 10k or a multi-day trek abroad, there's a challenge to suit every level of experience and ambition.

We have a number of charity places available across a variety of events throughout the year. Check out our events page for the latest full calendar of what's coming up, and to find the challenge that's right for you.

Events Page

GREAT BRISTOL RUN

Join thousands of runners through the streets of Bristol and raise money for young people in your city.

The Great Bristol Run is one of the UK's most popular city runs, and we have a limited number of charity places available each year for people who want to run for 1625.

Whether you're taking on the 10k or the half marathon, you'll be running for young people who are working hard to build a stable, independent life — and every pound you raise makes a difference.

Ready to run for 1625?
Email **fundraising@1625ip.co.uk** to find out if charity places are still available, and we'll get you set up with everything you need to start fundraising.



FUNDRAISING SAFELY & LEGALLY

Collections & Handling Money

Make sure you keep any cash you collect in a safe place and try to pay it in as soon as you can. If doing a bucket collection, you may need permission from the venue or local council. Remember to be respectful of the location and the people around you. If you're doing a bucket collection, please let us know so we can provide you with an official 1625 bucket!

Raffles & Lotteries

If you want to run a raffle or a lottery, check the Gambling Commission website and your local authority to see if you need a gambling or lottery licence.

Licences & Insurance

If selling alcohol or hosting live music, you might need a licence – check with your local authority. If you're hosting an event for members of the public, you will need public liability insurance as well.

Risk Assessment

Always consider all the risks when planning an event. This includes things like food safety, working with children and vulnerable people, or even lifting heavy items. Ensure your event is as safe as it can be.

PAYING IN YOUR FUNDRAISING

Online

If you have chosen to fundraise via a platform like JustGiving, then the money you raise will come directly to us!
If you have collected cash, you can pay that into your own bank and then donate it to your own JustGiving page.
Please be aware if any cash donations have been Gift Aided please pay this via BACS.

If you haven't set up a JustGiving page, then you can also donate via our website - www.1625ip.co.uk - and click on the Donate button in the top corner.

Cheque

Please do not send any cash to us in the post. Instead, you can send a cheque made out to '1625 Independent People' and post it to: Fundraising & Events, 1625 Independent People, Kingsley Hall, 59 Old Market Street, Bristol. BS2 0ER

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You can also transfer the money directly to our bank account with your name as the reference.

Please email fundraising@1625ip.co.uk to request our bank details.

GIFT AID

Make your donation go further — at no extra cost to you

If you're a UK taxpayer, Gift Aid means we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you donate, at no extra cost to you. So a **£10 donation becomes £12.50,** helping even more young people in Bristol access housing, support, and opportunities.

How it works
When you donate, simply tick the Gift Aid box and confirm you're a UK taxpayer — that's it. We claim the rest back from HMRC.
To qualify, you need to have paid enough UK Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax in that tax year to cover the amount we'll claim.

Donating online
If you're fundraising via JustGiving or donating through our website, you'll be asked to confirm Gift Aid eligibility as part of the donation process — just tick the box when it appears.

If you're collecting sponsorship on paper rather than online, just scan this QR code to download our sponsorship form which includes a Gift Aid declaration section.

A few things to know:

- Gift Aid can only be claimed on personal donations and sponsorship — not on payments for goods or services (e.g. raffle tickets, auction items, or entry fees where something is received in return).
- If your circumstances change and you stop paying UK tax, just let us know so we can update our records.
- You can cancel your Gift Aid declaration at any time by contacting us.

Questions about Gift Aid? Email us at fundraising@1625ip.co.uk and we're happy to help.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

We are happy to help you every step of the way with your fundraising and there is no such thing as a silly question!

If you would like to ask us something, the best way to get in touch is by emailing our team at:

fundraising@1625ip.co.uk

We love to see your photos from your events, so please share with at any of the following places:

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