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“world thinking day”
2008

Fundraising ideas around water



Sponsored bucket carry

A ten litre of bucket of water weighs ten kg. The average person in the developing world uses just this amount each day. The average person in the UK uses 150 litres per day.

Have a sponsored bucket carry to see how long you can carry a ten litre bucket with water in it. Remember many children in developing countries do this for sometimes many hours each and every day!

Organize a water carrying competition using water from a stream or a swimming pool; and make sure the water is poured back after the competition.



Collect spare change

Collect spare change from family and friends by making a collecting box out of an empty water bottle.



Sponsored drink water week

Instead of drinking juice or fizzy drinks, celebrate having clean drinking water by drinking water for a week.

Get friends and family to sponsor you, put the money you save by not drinking other drinks into the World Thinking Day collection along with your sponsorship.



Make a wishing well

Make a wishing well that can collect coins. There are many ways to make your wishing well: it could be a fountain you already have in your courtyard or a little bucket with water that you decorate with grass and leaves. Form a circle around the wishing well and then everyone makes a wish related to Thinking Day by throwing in a coin into the well. If your wishing well is portable you could set it up in different places, like your school, in front of the local shop or at the Guiding centre and invite other people to make a wish and toss in coins.



Dress Down Day

Collect some money to wear your own clothes or crazy clothes to school. Many children in the developing world spend so much time doing chores like collecting water that they don't have the chance to attend school.



Bread and water lunch

Sell tickets to people to attend a bread and water lunch, give them information about water needs of people in developing world whilst they are eating their lunch.

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Sponsored swim

Organize a swimming competition and charge each participant an entry fee.



Duck race

Collect spare change from family and friends by making a collecting box out of an empty water bottle. Get a large amount of plastic ducks and get friends to sponsor each duck with a fixed amount. You then need to find a suitable stretch of water on which to race your ducks, bearing in mind it needs to have good views by your spectators. The water needs to be blocked by some wooden boards, or a net to stop the ducks escaping at the end of the race.



A penny for a flush

Many countries in the developing countries do not have proper water sanitation. Place a collection box in the toilet or bathroom and ask everyone to put a penny in the box each time they flush the water.



Water maintenance

Organize a sponsored event to clean your local river banks and beaches.



Water art contest

Organize a sponsored water art (poems, drawing or photography) competition and charge a coin per entry.



Refreshments stall

Sell healthy self-made drinks and cool water as refreshment at a shopping centre.