St Paddy's Day Guide

St Patrick's Day is a fantastic opportunity to raise some money. You could organise a party, pub crawl, or themed pub quiz to name just a few!

What you'll need

- Venue
- Posters Decorations (the more Irish, the better!)
- Some games related to St Patrick's Day (e.g. 'Pin the tail on the leprochaun', Guinness pong, or have a costume competition!)
- Camera and themed props for a photobooth
- Cardboard collection boxes

Getting ready for the event

- Pick a date - Either St Patrick's Day or the nearest Friday/Saturday
- Select a venue - You could use your own home, a local community hall, or a pub!

- Advertise the event and sell tickets - Create an event on social media and get your friends and family to promote the night by sharing it / inviting their friends. You could also make some posters to put up around your local area.

Top tips

- Run a raffle and have collections boxes dotted around the venue to help bring in extra donations, or show your artistic side and do some four-leaf clover face painting!
- Ask any friends or family who were unable to attend to make a donation to your fundraising page instead.

On the day

- Arrive at the venue early to ensure you have plenty of time to get everything ready.
- Decorate the venue and have any games set up and ready to play.
- Stand on the door to check people's tickets or sell them on the door.
- Encourage people to take photos in the photobooth and post them on social media after the event. This will help increase the number of people who see (and hopefully donate to) your fundraising page!

The important bits

- Be aware of alcohol consumption at the event and try not to promote drinking. Make it clear that non-alcoholic drinks are available and make sure nobody under the age of 18 is consuming alcohol.
- Keep the money you raise safe and pay it in as soon as you can.

"Events that bring the whole community together are always great fundraisers and lots of fun!"

- Imogen, London Marathon

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