National Fundraising Day on October 22nd 2010

Thank you for your support! All money raised from the National Fundraising Day will be allocated to the provision of training for boards of management and to ongoing school support that is available to all Educate Together schools.

The plan for the National Fundraising Day is simple, one member or small group of your school's community (well known person/people) does a sponsored run, swim, knit, silence(!) or some other challenge activity.
WHAT WE PROVIDE

FUNDRAISING PACK

2 x Stickers for buckets
2 x A3 Posters
8 x A4 Posters
Sponsorship card template
Fundraising Ideas

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

School superhero/heroes
A bucket or two
Someone to count your coins and take them to the bank.

RECRUITING YOUR SUPERHERO(ES)

You can have as many superheroes as you like. Choose people from the school who are well known. The children will get excited by seeing their hero do something either inspirational or something very silly.

CHOOSING A CHALLENGE

When choosing the challenge, pick something around the heroes interests and hobbies, anything goes as long as it’s safe. The following page has a few ideas to get them started.

WHAT NEXT?

Once you have chosen your superheroes and a challenge fill in the enclosed posters and hang up around the school for everyone to see. There are also posters with a female character if you would prefer. Please let the National Office know and we will get them out to you.

If you would like to have fun with the poster why not cut out a photo of your school hero and paste it over the character’s face.
Our school choice: ______________________

**CHALLENGE SPONSORED EVENTS**

When choosing your event think about what your interests and hobbies are, choose something enjoyable and fun for yourself and the kids. Here are a few ideas to get you started.

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**SPONSOR COLLECTION HINTS AND TIPS**

Included in your fundraising pack are stickers to place on buckets for everyone to contribute to on the day. We would strongly recommend creating a mycharity.ie page as it is the simplest way to raise money among colleagues, friends or family. However if you would prefer, we have included a template for a sponsorship card. A good tip for using a sponsorship card is to make sure the first person to sign your card gives you a reasonably large amount of money. Others often follow their example. The sponsorship cards are not aimed at children. Children should be encouraged to use the bucket for coins on the school premises among the grownups.

**Set up a mycharity.ie page**

Setting up your own personal fundraising pages is one of the best ways to raise money.

Go to [www.mycharity.ie](http://www.mycharity.ie) and click on ‘Create a fundraising page’ (left side of page).

**Next** click on ‘create your page’.

**Then** search for Educate Together and then click on the green ‘select’ button.

**After** that click on ‘Other’ and choose how long you would like to keep your page open for (we recommend choosing 1 month).

**Next** enter your email address and select ‘I’m new to this site’ then fill in your details and click ‘continue’.

**Finally** design the page as you want it and finish by clicking on ‘publish page’.

Once your page is set up just email your friends with the link to the page and they can donate by credit or debit card. The money goes securely to the mycharity.ie account and then on to Educate Together’s account. It couldn't be easier or safer and we'll know it came from your school.
ADVERTISE
Let everyone know about the event. We have included posters that should give everyone a good giggle, put them up around the school so that students and parents can see them. If you have a school newsletter this would be an ideal place to promote it. Here is an example text if you would like to use it -
‘On October 22nd our school hero, <name of person doing event> will <challenge event> to raise funds to help support training for Boards of Management and school support from the Educate Together National Office - so dig deep and bring along your contribution money on the day, buckets will be at the reception of the school.’

GETTING THE SPONSORSHIP MONEY BACK TO THE NATIONAL OFFICE
to be received by 22/11/2010

You can drop the money into the office or send in a cheque
Please make it out to ‘Educate Together’ and send it to:
Educate Together, H8a Centrepoint, Oak Rd, Dublin 12

Make a direct lodgment into the Educate Together account:
for ease in remitting payment, please be advised our bank details are detailed below:

Beneficiary A/C Name: Educate Together / Ag Fhoghlaim le Chéile Deposit A/C
Beneficiary A/C No. 26358179
Bank Sort Code: 93-36-78
Beneficiary Bank: AIB, Blackrock, Co. Dublin
Swift BIC: AIBKIE2D
IBAN: IBAN IE23 AIBK 9336 7826 3581 79
Reference: PLEASE QUOTE ‘National Fundraising Day’ and YOUR School HERE

Use the donations page on our website www.educatetogether.ie

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