

How to get involved

Big Pea Fundraising Ideas



Whether you're a gardener, a cook, or just up for a bit of fun, read on for ideas and resources to plan your fundraising challenge.

Cooking challenges

Cooking for someone is a fantastic way of showing practical love and support.

- Hold a Pea Soup Lunch – we have a delicious, and cheap to make, recipe by Origin Farm that you can download and use for your lunch. Charging for entry or using an honesty box is a great way to fundraise.
- Pea-themed Dinner Party – Mollie from Ballytrim Pantry has kindly shared a fabulous recipe for Macaroni Peas (a big favourite in the CAI office!) that you can download here and use as your main course as you fundraise together.



Growing challenges

Your personal gardening skills might not be as fruitful as Esther's, but we're sure you know someone who can turn even the most lifeless plant into a celebration of God's creativity in creation.

- A Pea-fect Arrangement - make the most of your artistic congregation and hold a flower arranging competition. You could have categories such as basket, bud, children and beginner. Charge an entrance fee and then auction off the displays.
- Bright and Beautiful – encourage your friends, family and church to grow their own peas (vegetables and sweet peas) by selling pea plants at a community event or on a tabletop plant stall.





Craft Challenges

Esther's daughter, Ziwone, used her creative talent and drive to be a carpenter. Use your crafting skills this Christian Aid Week!

- Pea-creation – download the free knitting and crochet patterns from our resource page and bring your craftiest friends together to create peapods that you could sell at a craft fair.
- Origam-pea – why not try teaching your Sunday School how to make their own origami peas by folding paper. They could do this as a craft activity after you tell them Esther's story (download the children's talk [here](#)).

Family challenges

Esther and her family have risen to the challenge of a changing environment with humour, hard work and love. Let's bring our families together to support families just like Esther's.

- Record-breakers - there are some fantastic pea world records that you could try to break. The farthest distance to blow a pea is 25.89m – can you improve on this im-pea-ressive feat?
- Pass the Peas – players must carry a plate of frozen/dried peas from one side of the room to the other and pass them to their team mate on the other side, navigating various obstacles or challenges, for example, crawl under a table, hop on one leg, hula hoop etc. After each team member completes their turn, the team with the most peas left on their plate wins.
- The Big Pea Quiz - organise a quiz night or sell quiz papers with this new quiz for 2023 with a special pea-themed round. You can download the quiz questions and answers [here](#).

These are just some suggestions to get you started to planning your Big Pea Challenge. Pea-lease do let us know about your Pea-vents by sending us good-quality photographs and a little information about your Big Pea moment for 2023. We love to see all the incredible things you and your community do together to support Christian Aid.

