FUNDRAISING UPDATE

May 2023

For May's fundraising update we have news of a previously regular fundraising event resurrected by the Islington and Hackney Amnesty Group: Stand up for Women! It's great to see this event return and remind us of Amnesty International UK's long history of raising funds and awareness with stand-up comedy events.

Stand up for Women

The Islington and Hackney Amnesty Group put on a start studded line-up of comics for an evening raising funds for Amnesty International UK and awareness of women's rights across the world. The wonderful Sajeela Kershi compared an evening featuring sets from Catherine Bohart, Fern Brady, Abi Clarke, Leah Davis and Michelle Shaughnessy. Thanks to this amazing line-up, the stunning setting of the Old Queen's Pub in Islington and the tireless efforts of the group, the event raised over £2,000!



Stand-up comedy events are the perfect fundraisers. They have a broad appeal so can help your group reach a wide audience and raise a lot of money! They're also relatively straightforward when compared to live music events. The main challenge is finding a venue and securing acts. See if any venues near you regularly put on comedy nights and if they'd be interested in working with you to put on a fundraiser. Let us know if you're interested in organising a stand-up comedy evening and we can give you pointers and write a letter confirming you are legitimate representatives of Amnesty International UK and have our permission and support to organise fundraisers.

Reading Group's Barn Dance

The Reading Group recently held a barn dance event that was so popular they had to turn people away at the door! Local band the Scamping Rogues offered their time for free (well, for a few drinks at least!) and friends of the group handled the catering meaning everyone had plenty of energy to dance the night away! A good time was had by all and £800 was raised for Amnesty International UK.

Get in Touch

Our Community Fundraising and Events team is on hand to help you make your fundraising plans a reality. Get in touch with Richard using the details below to discuss what you want to do and to order free fundraising materials (including collection buckets and card readers!) and help promoting events:

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