



Cope Foundation

Fundraising Guidelines



Cope Foundation is committed to the highest standards of good practice and to ensuring that all its fundraising activities are carried out in a transparent manner so that donors and prospective donors have full confidence in Cope Foundation.

The following **Guidelines** are for anyone fundraising on behalf of **Cope Foundation**.





You're Doing Such a Great Thing

Thank you for taking the first steps to fundraise for Cope Foundation. We are really pleased to have you on board and look forward to supporting you along the way.

Understanding how your fundraising can make a difference is important. Being able to speak confidently about Cope Foundation will help you to inspire your friends, family and colleagues to support you and your fundraising event/activity.

Cope Foundation is an organisation that truly believes in living life your way. Our main vision is just that: Your Life, Your Way. We believe in possibilities and opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities and/or autism. We support almost 2,500 people with intellectual disabilities and/or autism to live life their way, connected, included, working and living in the community of Cork.

Our ever-growing network of 69 locations means we support people right across Cork city and county and the impact of our work reaches every community in Cork.

Getting Started

If you have an idea for a fundraising event or activity that will raise money for Cope Foundation, please complete our Fundraising Event/Activity Proposal Form and submit it to the Communications and Fundraising Department at least 3 weeks prior to the proposed event taking place.

Completing the Fundraising Event/Activity Proposal Form does not imply authorisation from Cope Foundation to undertake the event/activity on its behalf. The Communications and Fundraising Department will contact the organiser(s) to let them know if the event has been approved and then it's all systems go!

Transparency is Key

Your event/activity might be raising funds for Cope Foundation alone, or it might be benefitting more than one charity. Either way, you must make it clear to people where exactly the money is going. This should be evident in all advertising, promotional material and social media. When naming the event, it must be clear that the event is being organised 'in aid of Cope Foundation' and not 'by Cope Foundation'. This means Cope Foundation should not be named in the title of the event/activity. For example, please name your event as '<Title of Event> in aid of Cope Foundation' or state that 'all proceeds to go to Cope Foundation.'

All collection buckets/boxes used at a collection must be given to you by Cope Foundation. We will only give you collection buckets that have security seals or boxes that are tamper evident.





Insurance

Insurance cover for fundraising events/activities can be provided but is done so on a case by case basis. It is granted at the discretion of the Chief Executive of Cope Foundation. Insurance cover can only be granted if all the necessary paperwork is completed and submitted in sufficient time and the request for cover is made in writing at least 2 months prior to the proposed event/activity taking place.

If insurance cover is not being provided by Cope Foundation, we advise you to arrange necessary insurance cover for your event/activity as Cope Foundation can accept no liability for any loss, damage or injury caused during the event/activity you undertake. Please refer to the Terms and Conditions outlined in the Fundraising Event/Activity Proposal Form for further information in this regard.

Getting The Message Out There

Advertising and promoting your event/activity is so important to the success of your fundraising. All printed materials related to your event/activity must be approved by Cope Foundation before printing. We are happy for you to use the Cope Foundation logo and will send you a copy of the high resolution version once your event/activity has been approved. We ask you to tell us how and where you will advertise and promote your event/activity such as: social media pages you will use; newspapers you will contact; radio stations you will be on. This is really important information for us to have.

We are also more than happy to help promote your event and, if appropriate, we will feature it on our social media channels; on our intranet system (amongst staff); with newspapers and radio stations; and even on our website. Once your event/activity is approved, we would love to work with you on making it a success.

Resources For Your Event/Activity

We have a range of resources and materials that can help you in running your event. We are happy to supply these to you but we do ask that you please be mindful of the quantities as some items can be costly to produce.

As bulky items are difficult and expensive to post, we ask that you arrange to collect your resources from our Head Office in Montenotte. We can also arrange for these to be collected from our centres/locations in the county.

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Collection Permits

There are certain fundraising activities that require (by law) permits from An Garda Síochána. Examples include street collections, selling tickets door-to-door and some raffles. We are happy to support you when applying for the relevant permit. A permit application can take 1 – 3 weeks to be processed. Depending on availability, the date(s) you require may not be an option so you must submit the permit application as early as possible (as you may be forced to change the date(s) of your proposed event/activity).

Cheque Presentations

In light of current Covid-19 restrictions we will not be coordinating cheque presentations during this time. However, we would still like to celebrate your fundraising efforts. To find out more please get in touch with Elaine Murphy, Community Fundraiser on 086-7912540.

Returning the Funds

In your own interest and to adhere to auditors requirements, it is required that a minimum of two adults be present to count any proceeds from a fundraising event/activity.

We ask that all funds raised are returned to Cope Foundation within 30 days of the event/activity. There are a number of ways that you can return your funds:

1. At the bank: you can make an electronic funds transfer (EFT) or a lodgement to our AIB bank account (Branch: Blackpool/ Sort Code: 934100/ Acc. No.: 04426283). For the 'payment reference', please use the name of your event/activity. We ask that you contact us to let us know when you have made your lodgement/transfer as it can sometimes be hard for us to trace payments received this way.
2. By post: you can post a cheque, bank draft or postal order to us at: Communications and Fundraising Department, Cope Foundation, Bonnington, Montenotte, Cork T23PT93
3. Online: you can make a donation online for the amount you have raised by using a credit or debit card and clicking on www.cope-foundation.ie/Donate. We do ask that you telephone us to let us know about this donation once it is made, so that we can attribute it to your event/activity.
4. Over the phone: you can telephone us to make a donation for the amount you have raised by using a credit or debit card. Please phone 021 4643326.

Please note: All cheques, bank drafts or postal orders must be made payable to: Cope Foundation.





Saying Thank You

We know how important saying ‘thank you’ is and we make every effort to acknowledge every donation we receive – but we can only do so if we have enough information about you and your donation. Please ensure you send us: your name, address, contact details and any other relevant information. We will then send you a ‘thank you letter’ with a unique receipt number on it. This can be sent by post, or better still by email (which is more cost-effective).

This information is stored on our fundraising database and from time to time we may contact you with updates about our fundraising (if you have given us permission to do so). You can request for your details to be removed from the database at any time by contacting the Communications and Fundraising Department. For further information about our use of data, visit www.cope-foundation.ie/Privacy-Statement.



For more information, visit www.cope-foundation.ie or get in touch with us...

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