

# Choosing a cause

Encourage your young people to make a difference on an issue that's important to them.

This activity contributes to the following badges:



Scout Fundraising Activity Badge



Explorer Fundraising Activity Badge

**Time: 45 minutes**

## Equipment

- One computer per group
- Coloured Pens
- A3 paper



## 1

Split your young people into small groups and ask them to think about causes that they care about. These could be local or global. For inspiration, they could look at GoFundMe's [list of certified charities](#). Ask the young people to write down all their ideas on the paper.

## 2

Now, ask each person in the group to pick the cause they are most interested in. They should think about;

- Why they have chosen this cause?
- What could they do to raise money for this cause?
- What will their fundraising target be?

They should discuss their thoughts in a small group and all vote on one cause to continue to support.

## 3

Each group should spend some time researching their chosen cause. This can either be done in the session or at home. They should think about;

- Which charity(s) are they going to raise money for?
- How can they show to others that this is an interesting cause?
- Can they find information about how fundraised money is used?

## 4

Each group should set up a station around the room where they can tell others about their chosen issue. They may want to have something visual, like a poster, so the information is clear.

Half the young people in each group should then go around the room to the other stations, while the other half look after their own station. Once they have all visited each station, they should swap over.

## 5

After everyone has been to every station, gather everyone together as group and ask them to share their thoughts. As a section, they should vote on which cause they are going to support by fundraising.

### Take it further

This is just the first few step towards the Scouts and Explorers Fundraising Activity Badges. Now try our [How to fundraise activity](#) to start planning your fundraiser.