

Give Poverty the Boot this Harvest with these fruitful fundraising ideas!

Here's a selection of fundraising ideas to get you inspired to Give Poverty the Boot this Harvest. Mix and match the ones that suit your congregation or come up with some of your own home-grown ideas for raising funds.

You could even combine several of the ideas into a Harvest fête – a great opportunity to get the wider community involved in your activities too.

We'd love to hear about your activities and see your photos so please do get in touch and you might be featured on our website or in next year's Give Poverty the Boot fundraising pack!

Fundraising ideas that will grow on you!

Flower power

Organise a flower arranging competition. Ask people for a donation to enter their floral creations and award a prize for the best one. To make your fundraising go even further you could raffle off the entries after the competition.



Grow your own

Ask members of your congregation to donate plants and vegetables from their gardens and hold a produce sale at your Harvest Festival. You could use your home grown ingredients to make tasty treats like jams or pickles and sell these too.



To bring FARM-Africa's work closer to your group you could include our wonderful Ethiopian recipes for banana jam, honey bread and sweet potato cookies. You can find these to download on the Give Poverty the Boot website.

Lend a hand

Encourage the green-fingered members of your congregation or Sunday school to offer their time and skills to others for a donation to FARM-Africa. A few hours spent planting, weeding or watering is bound to be much appreciated and the money raised will make a big difference to African farming communities.



Onwards and upwards

Organise a growing competition for your congregation and Sunday school. Prizes for the biggest or funniest shaped vegetable, hottest chilli or tallest sunflower – when it comes to choosing what to grow, the sky's the limit!



Give Poverty the Boot with these wonderful welly fundraisers!



Wear your wellies to church

Just as schools and offices hold non-uniform days for charity, your congregation could have one for FARM-Africa and invite people to come to church in their wellies. And to make sure no mucky boots enter the church, people could donate a little at the door to get a welly wash (think charity car wash on a much smaller scale!).

Fill a boot

Nice and simple – leave a welly in the church (preferably a nice clean one!) and challenge the congregation to fill it with coins by harvest. Apparently there's around £40million in lost change in the UK – so get rooting about the back of the sofa for lost coppers!

Foodie fundraisers

Hunger lunch

After your Harvest service, your congregation could have a hunger lunch. Share a simple meal of bread, cheese and water and invite people to donate the money they'd have spent on a traditional Sunday lunch. This is a great way to bring your community together and appreciate how many African families value each morsel of food.

Master chef

Do you know a budding chef or baking expert? Encourage them to hold a master class or workshop and ask people for a donation to watch or take part.



Welly art

This is a great activity to get your Sunday school children involved. Decorate a pair of wellies, or a drawing of one, and award a prize for the best one. For real wellies, you can get stuck in with paints and fabrics or even create some giant

'welly-art' by walking in paint and then onto large sheets of paper. A welly outline is available to download from the website. You could hold an auction at the end and invite the congregation to bid on your works of art!

Welly cakes

Bake some welly shaped treats to sell at your harvest festival! Cakes, biscuits or even welly jelly can be sold to help Give Poverty the Boot!



Back to nature

Autumn is the perfect time to get out into our wonderful countryside and find food for free! Blackberry picking and other foraging could provide you with the perfect ingredients for some homemade treats to sell at your Harvest Festival.

