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Game on!

Ideas and inspiration for organising a fundraising board game night

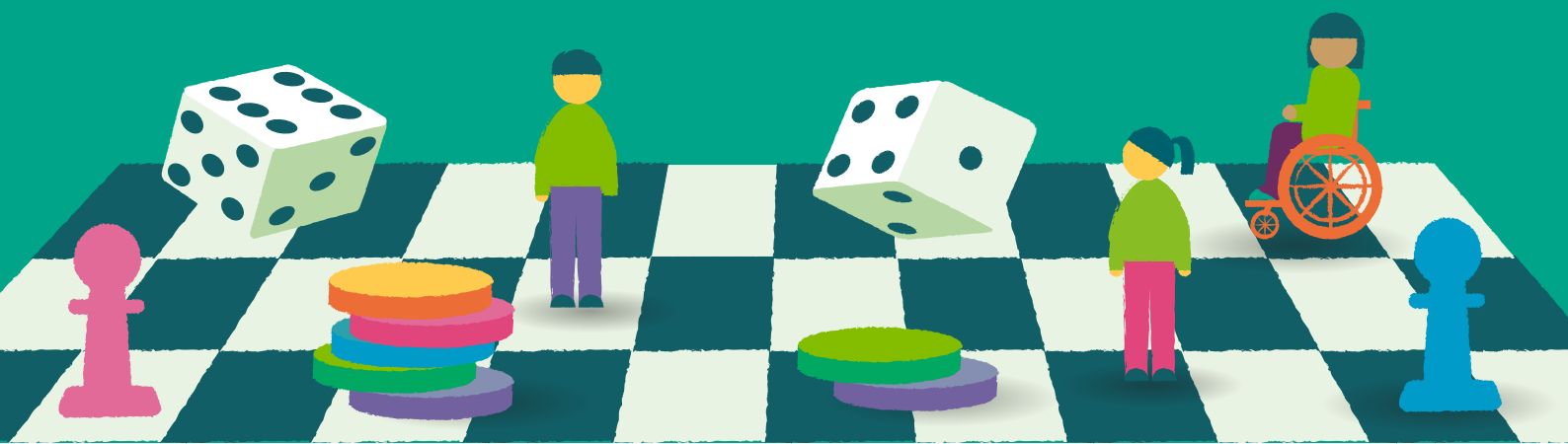
Thank you for joining #TeamSamaritans!
With your support we can be there for people
when they need us most.

Rebecca raised £225 by organising a board game day in memory of her son Thomas.

“ I wanted to do something to help people who are struggling get the help they need. My son Thomas died by suicide, and never spoke to anyone about his worries.

We held a board game day in a local board game shop. Thomas loved board games, and they are a great, low-pressure way to socialise and bring people together. We asked everyone taking part to donate, and make a donation for the cakes and snacks that were provided. We also had a JustGiving page and collection boxes.

It was lovely to see a wide variety of people come together to remember Thomas, to play games, and to try to help other people who may be struggling. We all struggle sometimes, and the more we can do to let people know that it's OK to ask for help, the better. ”



How to organise a board game night

- Pick a date and time that works and get your invites out. Whether it's a family game night or a gathering with friends, knowing the number of guests will help you decide on games for the evening.
- Set up a **JustGiving** page and ask everyone attending to donate a few pounds to take part. Let everyone know that every £5 raised could help Samaritans answer one potentially life-saving call.
- Be prepared. If it's a larger gathering, you might want to stick to party games or divide into smaller groups, so make sure you have enough games. You could set up teams to compete against each other – just be sure to print out simple score sheets to keep on top of things and organise a fun prize for the winning team. A little friendly competition will keep the momentum going through the night!
- Choose your games. See what your guests experience level is so you can have games suitable for everyone. If it's a group of mixed experience levels, pick games that are simpler and easy to learn. You could host an all-night Scrabble tournament, pick a theme like fantasy or horror, or mix things up by playing different games throughout the night. If you're hosting a family game night with games that you all know well, try changing the rules to keep things interesting.
- Making things cosy. If you're hosting at your home, make sure your tables are big enough to hold the games you're playing and that there are plenty of seats and refreshments. You could boost your fundraising by selling yummy homemade bakes or serving dinner for a small donation.
- Hosting outside of your home. If you're looking for a different setting, find a board game café or a pub that you know has a good selection of games – this is a great option if you don't own many games yourself. Organise a quiz or a raffle as part of the evening to help reach your fundraising target.
- We'd love to hear about your plans! **Fill in this form** to let us know what you're up to. If you need materials like collection boxes, bunting or leaflets for your game night, just email us at community&events@samaritans.org.



£5 could help us answer a call for help that could save a life



Paying in your fundraising

By cheque

Make the cheque payable to 'Samaritans' and post to:

Community and Events Team,
Samaritans Registered Office,
The Upper Mill, Kingston Road
Ewell KT17 2AF

Remember to include a note with your details so we can say thank you.

Online

Go to samaritans.org/donate/pay-in

By phone

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By bank transfer

Get in touch with us on **03709 00 00 32** or at supportercare@samaritans.org

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