

Game with an aim

Your free tabletop games fundraising pack

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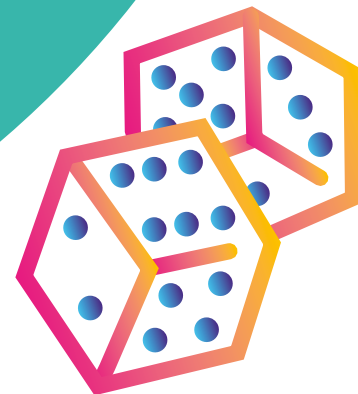
Join Team Autism

And help create a society
that works for autistic people

How to put on a tabletop games fundraising event

Tabletop games are brilliant fun and offer a vast range of options, from traditional board games to role-playing games, from games of physical skill to those that require mental athletics, from traditional card and dice games to more modern or edgy fare, there is something for everyone.

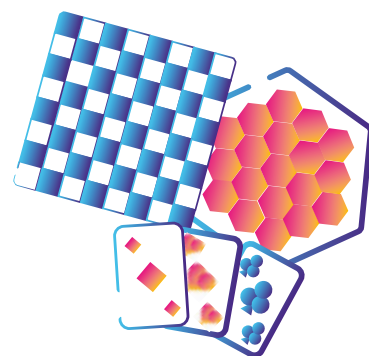
It's easy to turn your passion for games into a fun way to raise money to help create a society that works for autistic people.



1.

Select your game - or games - of choice

Think about what games will appeal to your friends and family. What will create the atmosphere you want - whether it's a competitive tournament, an endurance game-a-thon or a fun party vibe? How many people can play, and can you have more than one game on the go at a time?



2.

Consider how you'll raise money

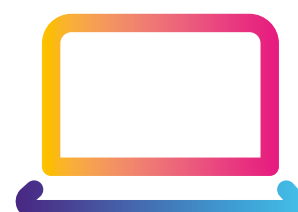
Will you ask your guests to pay to play? Many people will be happy to donate a set amount to take part, have fun and make a difference at the same time! You can also ask for donations for refreshments at your event, and/or hold a raffle. Also consider asking people to sponsor you if you're having a marathon or a tournament.



3.

Set up a JustGiving page

Having a [JustGiving page](#) for your Game with an Aim event will make it easy for your guests to support your fundraising, and payments made to JustGiving come straight to the charity, leaving you free to enjoy your gaming!



4.

Set your date, time and venue and let everyone know

Whether you play at home, at work or at school, choose a venue, date and time likely to work for your guests. Games evenings are particularly popular but a gaming event can be held any time! Invite friends and family, and if appropriate, post about it on social media.



5.

Let people know why you're gaming for the National Autistic Society

People are usually motivated to give because of a personal story, so if you're happy to do so, tell your guests and any potential donors why you chose to raise money for the National Autistic Society and share the examples of where their money could go (see below).



6.

Stay safe, relaxed and well hydrated

Take regular breaks, eat healthy snacks, drink lots of water and stretch your legs from time to time. Your guests will appreciate food, drink and comfort breaks too! This is especially important if you're holding a marathon-style game-a-thon.



7.

Thank your amazing donors

Not only will this show your gratitude but it will also inspire others to donate, too. If you approach or pass your initial target for fundraising, raise your target! This will encourage even more donations.



Where your money goes



Our helpline and contact centres answer 70,000 enquiries a year.

£5 could pay for an autistic person to call our helpline for advice and support from one of our advisors.



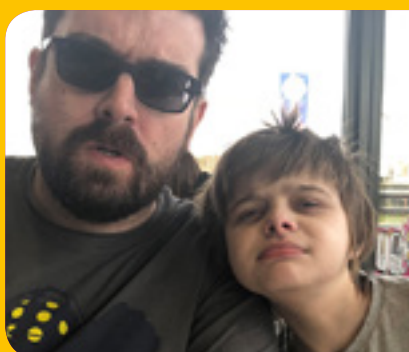
Our free Education Rights Service has helped more than 37,000 families.

£40 could pay for a parent of an autistic child to have an hour-long telephone consultation with our Education Rights Service.



Our Parent to Parent service trains parents of autistic children to offer advice and support via email or phone to other parents of autistic children.

£200 could fund our **Parent to Parent** service for a day.



Story from the Spectrum

Meet Kevin and his son, Andy, who is autistic. Kevin raised £5,690 in a 24-hour stream-a-thon in December 2018.

"The National Autistic Society was the obvious charity to work with as I've seen firsthand some of the great work they do through being a parent of an autistic child."

Paying in your money

Once your gaming event is done, the money raised via JustGiving will come straight to the National Autistic Society, so you don't need to do anything more. Easy!

You can also pay in money raised at www.autism.org.uk/donate



Further questions?

Finally, get in touch if there's anything else you need to help with your fundraising. You can:

Email gaming@nas.org.uk, or ring our Supporter Care team on 0808 800 1050 (Mon-Thu 10am-4pm, Fri 10am-3pm, excludes bank holidays).

