

NZIIU

Fundraising Kit

Fundraising is a great way to show your commitment to doing an exchange. Every dollar you put towards funding your exchange will make your experience abroad all the more fulfilling!

It can seem a little daunting at first but with good planning and time management, you will be well on your way to reaching your goal. To assist you, we have put together a kit that will hopefully make things a little easier.

The fundraising kit includes the following:

- A step-by-step guide to fundraising
- A list of fundraising ideas
- An NZIIU t-shirt, a fundraising bucket, NZIIU pens
- A \$100 grocery voucher
- An NZIIU fundraising ledger to keep a record of your earnings
- A letter showing proof of your registration with NZIIU Student Exchange



ELIGIBILITY

You can apply for the fundraising pack AFTER you have been accepted on our exchange programme.

You must have at least 3 months to carry out your fundraising activities before departure. If you apply with less than 3 months left before your departure, you may be able to receive the kit with fewer items.

Please contact your NZIIU coordinator for more information.

HOW TO APPLY

Make a \$150 deposit to NZIIU:

NAME OF BANK: Westpac

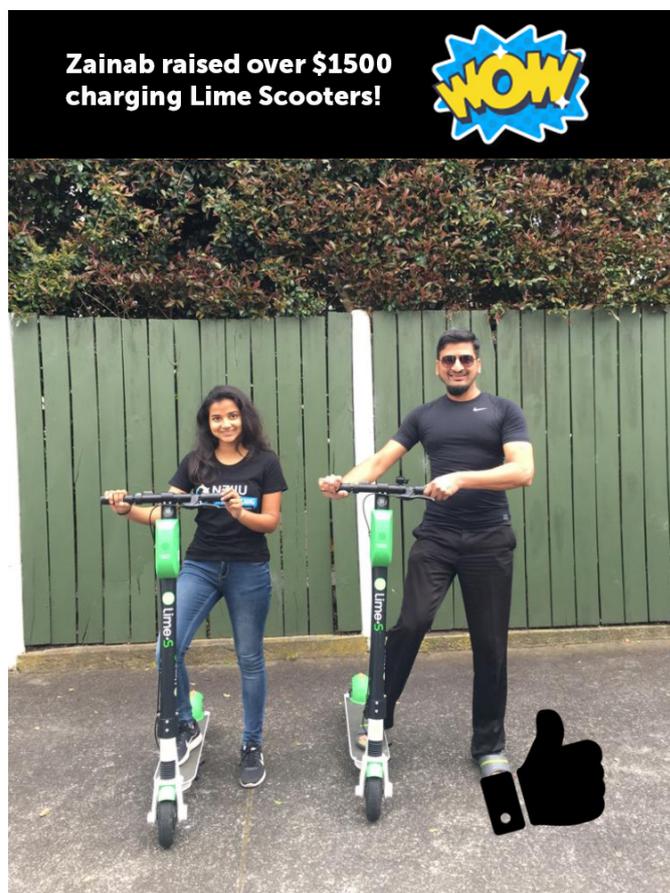
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- Include your name for reference.
- Notify NZIIU after you made the deposit and he will ask for your T-shirt size.
- It can take up to 10 working days for your fundraising kit to be delivered to you.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Before you depart you must:

- Provide a report of your fundraising activities including how successful it was for you, the challenges, any advice you could give other students thinking of doing something similar to fundraise their exchange, and how useful our fundraising kit was for you.
- Submit at least five photos of yourself out fundraising wearing your NZIIU t-shirt. We will use these photos for promotional purposes.
- Complete the fundraising ledger showing a record of your earnings.
- Your \$150 deposit will be refunded directly to your preferred bank account when the above terms and conditions are met. If any of the terms and conditions stated above are not met, the refund will NOT be made.





Connor saved over \$7,000 to go on exchange through a combination of part-time work and fundraising.

PART-TIME WORK

While I was applying for my student exchange, I got two part-time jobs – one at the local Countdown and the other at a local farm supply. I didn't know if I would be accepted on exchange, but I wanted to start saving just in case. The majority of my wages went into a savings account and within six months I had saved over \$5,000.

After being accepted on student exchange, I got the Fundraising Kit from NZIIU and began applying for grants from local organisations. I also asked past exchange students how they fundraised for their trip, and they all said they did their best with raffles.

RAFFLES

I raffled off three prizes:

The \$100 Countdown voucher (from the NZIIU Fundraising Kit)

A cord of pine wood (kindly donated from a local business)

A set of car mags (kindly donated from my dad)

I sold raffles by visiting local businesses and selling tickets to staff members. I sold a whole raffle book for the \$100 Countdown voucher for \$2 a ticket in the space of just three hours while walking along only one side of the Waipukurau business district. I was really proud of this as I raised \$207 from half the town's businesses.

A lady from a local coffee shop offered to help me sell raffles for the car mags. I took her up on her offer – in a week she helped me to raise an extra \$30 which was great. I also sold raffle tickets at the town's Boulevard Day.

In total, I raised \$913.90 from selling raffles to people around my small rural town of Waipukurau.

Overall, I was really amazed by people's generosity. When I was working at Countdown, one of my mother's friends came through my checkout and said "here you go, here's \$20 out of my own pocket". I felt very touched by her gesture as she's a single mother with three boys at home. Some local business people also donated money out of their own pocket.

FUNDRAISING LETTERS

I sent a number of fundraising letters to local businesses and raised a total of \$1,500, including a generous donation of \$500 from the local RSA.

TIPS FOR FUTURE EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Keep your head high. I found fundraising quite mentally exhausting, but I managed to stay positive all the way to the finish. Just give it your best and get out there!

Start early. Don't leave everything to the last minute. Time goes really fast, you'll be wondering where it all went when it's time for you to leave on your exchange.

Go for gold. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. It will be one heck of a rollercoaster but a life-changing experience which will give you everlasting memories and friendships.

Olivia raised money through selling goods at a market, selling items on Trade Me, and running sausage sizzles.



THINGS THAT WERE USEFUL TO ME IN THE FUNDRAISING KIT WERE:W

The bucket – I used this at all my sausage sizzle and market stalls. I even had a few people put donations in my bucket and wish me well on exchange.

- **The t-shirt** – I wore this when approaching the market organisers and at every sausage sizzle and market stall. I also wore my t-shirt in the photos taken of items I sold on Trade Me.
- **Registration verification letter** – I displayed this letter at every sausage sizzle and market stall. This created a great deal of interest from people who asked questions about my exchange.
- **\$100 Countdown voucher** – I put this towards sausage sizzles. I was going to do a raffle but found it was difficult to get the opportunity to sell tickets.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

I had great success at my first sausage sizzle raising \$458.90 at a 4-hour car show. I approached a car club that a family member is involved with and asked the committee if I could hold a sausage sizzle. The second one was held at a smaller market and I shared this with another exchange student going to Italy. We made \$146.00 each for 4.5 hours work and it was a great way to get to know each other a little more.

MARKET STALLS

The market stalls were my main source of fundraising and I feel they were very successful. I also had fun doing these. The 5 market stalls raised \$2362.00. As I don't live in town, this method suited me well. I could make products at home and then sell them in the morning at the market. I could also talk to the customers and answer questions about my exchange.