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THE TEAM

Bake sales don't need a huge team. Recruit the following roles and then ask other volunteers to sign up as cake makers.

SECRETARY

Oversees the entire fundraiser, ensures everyone gets their job done, liaises with the Student Union, and organises volunteers to sell cakes on the day.

LOGISTICS COORDINATOR

Locates the perfect venue and all that goes with it, including: tables, table cloths, urns for hot drinks, napkins, cutlery, washing up facilities, rubbish bags and so on.

CAKE COORDINATOR

Acquires and bakes as many cakes, cookies, brownies, biscuits as possible. Gives cake makers a time and place to leave their treats on the morning of the event.

PUBLICITY MANAGER

In charge of getting the word out through social media, flyers and posters, and/or invitations.

THE VENUE

Ask your Student Union where you are allowed to set up for a low price or for free. Where will it be busiest? Hold a tea party at your home (which will generally make life easier for logistics), park or garden. You could hold your AmnesTEA alongside another event.

THE CAKES

Bake some yourself and recruit friends to make their specialities! Find out if the cookery or cake baking society at your university will help. Krispy Kreme sell big batches of doughnuts half price to those fundraising for charity. Introduce themes or have a prize for the most creative cake.

THE PRICING

On the day, have a float, work out how much you need to charge, price clearly and have the right coins for customer's change. Speak to us about borrowing a card reader for sale day.

THE PUBLICITY

At least a week before the event, make an event page on Facebook and tweet about it. Post photos of cakes to build up interest. Also make flyers and posters advertising the cake sale, with directions for the day.

THE RESOURCES

Make sure you promote Amnesty International so people know that your cakes are being sold to support a cause. We can send you posters, leaflets and banners to help with this. Email fundraise@amnesty.org.uk to find out more about our free resources.

AMNESTEA

If you plan to sell tea and coffee at your event, order our free AmnesTEA kits. They contain everything you need to hold an Amnesty themed tea party, including invitations, bunting, cake toppers and Amnesty information – the perfect companion to your bake sale.

To order, go to www.amnesty.org.uk/tea

Please note:

Some SU's are concerned about serving hot drinks so check early on to avoid confusion.

Try to provide a couple of speciality items like nut-free cookies or gluten or dairy free cake for those with allergies or special diets. Add healthy options such as fruit salad and popcorn.