



Start your own Bike MS fundraising page for the TelstraclearChallenge at

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create a world
free of MS

BIKE MS - ONLINE FUNDRAISING TIPS

1. Make your Hero Page your own

To make your Hero Page as effective as possible, upload your own photograph or even better, a video showing you in action. In your webpage entry, try to tell a story: explain why you are trying to raise money, the specific uses the money can be put to and why you are personally moved to support your cause. Personalise your page!

2. Don't set your target too low!

You may be surprised by how deep your supporters will dig to help you get across the line to reach your goal. Raise as much as you possibly can for your chosen cause by trying to set an ambitious, but achievable target.

3. Email your close friends and family first

Send an email to close friends and family and those you think are likely to be your most generous supporters first, before asking others to donate. People tend to match the amounts already donated, so target your most generous supporters first!

Make sure you send your Hero Page to friends and family who live overseas - 10% of all funds raised come from outside of New Zealand.

4. Use your own email as well as the facility on the Hero Page

Copy and paste the URL from your Hero Page (the Hero Page web address) into your own email system and then use this to contact your supporters. You can send out more emails at once like this, and also set up email groups.

5. Upload or Post your Hero Page to your Social Media (e.g. Facebook & Twitter)

You can link your Hero Page to your social media (e.g Facebook and Twitter) by clicking on the social media icons on your fundraising page or by posting your Hero page url to your social media profile page and alerting your network of contacts.

6. Change your email signature

Consider changing your email signature at work and/or at home to add a line at the bottom which includes the web address of your Hero Page.

Note: Bike MS uses the online fundraising tool provided by Everyday Hero



7. Make sure you contact all your potential supporters

In addition to close friends and family, don't forget to contact any other groups you may have connections with: former colleagues, old school and college friends, friends who have moved out of the area or overseas, members of sporting clubs you belong to, or committees you are part of. If you are involved in business don't forget to ask your suppliers, as they often like to show support.

8. Update your Hero Page and email your supporters again

People mean to donate, but sometimes it gets pushed to the bottom of the inbox and they forget. It usually takes more than one round of emails to nudge everyone into action, so don't feel embarrassed about asking people again. To update your Hero Page, log in to My Hero Account and enter your Hero Name and Password (which you set when you set up your page). You can then change your Hero Page by posting a new photo or video and updating your entry: tell everyone how fit (or otherwise) you are feeling and how much money you've raised so far. Then re-send the link to your updated page by email.

9. Ask to be included in your company website or newsletter

Lots of companies encourage staff to participate in charitable events and fundraising, so ask your company if they are willing to include something about you on the company website or the intranet or company newsletter. Some companies offer a donation-matching scheme, where they will match the amount of money an employee raises.

10. Put up a poster

Create a poster and put it up in the office kitchen, local supermarket, gym, post office, school or anywhere else you can get permission. Use the poster to ask people to visit your Hero Page and support you. When you create a Hero Page on Everyday Hero we will automatically create a poster for you, so look out for the prompt to download the poster.

11. Don't stop fundraising when the event finishes

A surprising number of donations are received after the event has finished, so don't stop fundraising when your event is over. Once you've recovered, update your Hero Page again and email it to your contacts. It's a great way of letting those who have supported you know you have achieved your goal, and of prompting anyone who still hasn't donated to do so.

If you need any help or have any questions call Everyday Hero on 0800 224 376

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