





1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER - 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

FUNDRAISING PACK

### KICKSTART YOUR 100 MILE CHALLENGE

### WELCOME TO SOCIAL BITE'S 100 MILE CHALLENGE!

This guide has everything you need to kickstart your 100 Mile Challenge, how to supercharge your fundraising, and why every donation you collect can help to break the cycle of homelessness.

### STARTING YOUR CHALLENGE

The 100 MILE CHALLENGE starts on 1st September. You will have 40 days to cover 100 miles for homelessness. The challenge ends on World Homeless Day on 10th October.

By taking on this challenge, you'll be adding your voice to call for an end to homelessness and make a positive impact on the lives of the most vulnerable people in our society.

### **ENDING ON WORLD HOMELESS DAY**

World Homeless Day has been observed on 10<sup>th</sup> October since 2010. The purpose of World Homeless Day is to bring attention to the needs of people who are experiencing homelessness locally and provide communities and organisations with opportunities to learn more about the issue and make an impact through fundraising.







Together, we can break the cycle of homelessness.

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

### YOUR SUPPORT HELPS TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF HOMELESSNESS

By taking on the 100 Mile Challenge you are joining the movement to end homelessness. You will see the tangible impact of your fundraising in provide a solution to one of society's biggest issues.

Your fundraising will support societies most vulnerable people in the following ways:



**HOMES** The Social Bite Village in Edinburgh is an innovative, highly supported community for up to 20 people affected by homelessness. The purpose of the Village is to offer the right support, living environment and opportunities for someone from a situation of homelessness to build an independent life. In order to offer this opportunity to even more people, plans are already underway to build two new villages in South Lanarkshire and Dundee. Your fundraising will help to fund the Edinburgh Village, whilst also bringing us ever closer to making our new villages a reality.

Our village projects are an alternative to emergency temporary accommodation. This proven model has shown that with the right care and a safe place to call home, we can support people out of homelessness.



**JOBS** At Social Bite, we have learned first-hand the transformative power a job with support can have for someone who has experienced homelessness and trauma. That's why we've created 'Jobs First', an initiative that has helped revolutionise how people who have experienced homelessness access job opportunities across the UK. To date over 100 people have been supported through our JobsFirst programme.

By taking on the 100 MILE CHALLENGE, you'll be helping more people who've experienced homelessness back into employment. Your fundraising will be helping to provide real job opportunities that make people feel safe, supported and empowered.



**F00D** We believe food is not only a basic human right, but a powerful tool to build positive relationships with people that can lead to ongoing support and pathways out of homelessness. Our free food services and support is delivered from our coffee shops right across the UK.

Your 100 MILE CHALLENGE will help us to provide around 150k items of free food and drink each year to people who are vulnerable or experiencing homelessness.

### MAXIMISE YOUR FUNDRAISING

There are so many ways that you can maximise your fundraising and galvanise the support of your friends and family whilst you complete your challenge.

#### **SET A TARGET**

Setting a fundraising target gives you a goal to reach for, helps to keep you motivated, and shows your supporters your progress. If you find that you smash your initial fundraising target, you can raise it at anytime to reach for a new goal. Take a look at the next page to see some examples of the things that your fundraising could help to pay for.



As you climb our fundraising leaderboard, you might also be eligible to unlock our amazing fundraising rewards.

#### PERSONALISE YOUR FUNDRAISING PAGE

Make sure that you update your fundraising page to include your own profile picture and story. It's important to share with your friends and family why you have decided to take on the 100 MILE CHALLENGE and why you have chosen to fundraise for Social Bite. Sharing your personal story helps to make your challenge really resonate with your supporters, which can have a big impact. Our experience shows that personalised fundraising pages can raise over twice as much as non-personalised ones.



### **UNLOCK FUNDRAISING REWARDS**



RAISE £50

Claim your

Social Bite t-shirt\*



RAISE £200
Claim your Social
Bite mug or
water bottle\*



TOP 10 FUNDRAISERS

Claim your Social Bite hoodie or premium Social Bite tote bag\*



TOP FUNDRAISING INDIVIDUAL & TOP FUNDRAISING TEAM

Your name will be included in the permanent 'Thank You' installations at one of the two new Social Bite Villages

<sup>\*</sup>For teams, these fundraising rewards are unlocked when the team fundraising total is equivalent to each team member raising the stated monetary threshold. E.g. When a team of three people reaches team total of £300 in fundraising, they will be eligible to receive the Social Bite T-shirt reward.

# WHAT YOUR FUNDRAISING COULD MAKE POSSIBLE



could buy a meal and supportive conversation at Social Bite for someone experiencing homelessness





could buy a good quality weatherproof jacket or shoes





fund the sit-in supper for one session of our Glasgow women's group





cover the cost of a mixed sit-in supper at our Aberdeen coffee shop





could buy brand new living room furniture for a house in the Social Bite Village





could the cost of delivering Social Bite's free food services in Edinburgh, Glasgow & Aberdeen for a week





could help fund an employment program to help someone in a situation of homelessness to find a job



## SUPERCHARGE YOUR FUNDRAISING

### SHARE, SHARE AND SHARE AGAIN

The 100 MILE CHALLENGE is a 40 day long event, so make sure that you share a link to your fundraising page on all of your social media channels multiple times throughout this period. One social media post might not reach everyone in your network, so re-sharing can help to capture people who might not have seen it the first time, or prompt those who have been meaning to donate to your page but haven't yet got around to it.



You could also add a link to your fundraising page in your Twitter bio, Linktree, or as a pinned post on your profile.

#### DON'T FORGET ABOUT EMAIL

You may have friends and family members who do not use social media but would still love to hear about what you're doing. Why not send an email update to your contacts or around your work colleagues to let them know about your challenge and share the link to your fundraising page.



You could also add this link to your email signature along with a short explanation of your challenge. This is a great unobtrusive way to encourage support throughout your challenge period.

### **GET SNAPPING**

Make sure that you document your progress during your challenge and take photos and videos whilst you're training or completing your mileage. Uploading these to updates to your fundraising page and social media is a great way to encourage your friends and family to cheer you on and sponsor you as you edge closer to your goal.



We'd also love to share your progress!

Share your pics with us by tagging us on social media or email them to <a href="mailto:100milechallenge@social-bite.co.uk">100milechallenge@social-bite.co.uk</a>

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### **COLLECTING CASH DONATIONS**

You might be able to capture even more donations by using a good old sponsorship form and doing the rounds in your office, school or community group. You can add details of any offline donations to your fundraising page so that they are still tracked in your total.

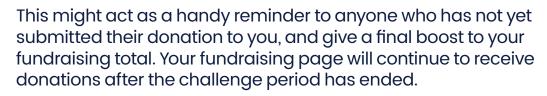
Once you have completed your fundraising you can send a cheque and your sponsorship form to '100 MILE CHALLENGE, Social Bite, 1 Leith Walk, Edinburgh, EH6 8LN' or reach out to us at 100milechallenge@social-bite.co.uk for our bank details.



Download a copy of our sponsorship form here

#### DON'T STOP TOO SOON

Once you complete your challenge, we hope that you feel super proud of your incredible achievement. Take the time after your challenge to update your fundraising page and share your success on social media.





### **SAY THANK YOU**

Each and every person who chooses to support you whilst your challenge contributes to the mission to end homelessness. It's a great idea to take the time to say thank you to each person who may have donated to you to let them know that you appreciate them. Please pass along a big thank you from all of us here at Social Bite as well, because we are so grateful not only to you for taking on the 100 MILE CHALLENGE but to your amazing supporters as well.



Thank you so much xx

### **GET IN TOUCH**

If you have any questions about the 100 MILE CHALLENGE or if you would like to find out more, we'd love to hear from you!

### **FAQS**

We have a helpful list of answers to some FAQs on our website.

Check them out on our 100 Mile Challenge website.









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