

The National Federation of Atheist, Humanist and Secular
Student Societies

A Guide to Non-Prophet Week

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WHAT IS NON-PROPHET WEEK?

- Charity is at the heart of Humanist world view. Which is why each year the AHS raises money for a worthy charity during Non-Prophet Week. For Non-Prophet Week we encourage all AHS societies to get involved and get fundraising through the week. The Executive will select a charity which they think deserves your support but which charity your society donates to is up to you – just join in and help make some money for charity!
- From 2015 Non-prophet Week will also be rolled out internationally as IHEYU will be taking part under the name 'Charity Week' as Blasphemy Laws prohibit the use of the Non - Prophet Week name.
- Charitable events are fun, rewarding and inclusive. This guide has been produced to help your society raise money for Non-Prophet Week and to inspire AHS members to be more active in this area. Do not worry if you have not run Non-Prophet Week events in the past or if your society is small. This guide will help you pick an event or activity that is suitable for your society.

NON-PROPHET WEEK 2014

Every year the AHS holds Non-Prophet Week to raise money for a charity of choice. In 2014 the AHS raised over £2000 for the Uganda Humanist Schools Trust from the 20th - 26th October.



The Uganda Humanist Schools Trust (UHST) was established in November 2008 as a charity to raise funds to support the efforts of Ugandan Humanists, who founded three secondary schools which offer students the alternative of liberal secular-humanist education.

AHS societies held a variety of events to raise money and support that year's chosen charity, raising money to help support one of the schools.

[When is the next Non-Prophet Week?](#)

The dates of Non-prophet Week change slightly every year but in 2014 the event was held in late October. It is usually held in October or November. The AHS notifies its members of the exact dates of the next Non-Prophet Week at the beginning of the academic year (if not before). The AHS Executive in collaboration with the International Youth and Ethical Union (IHEYU) established the dates of **November 9th - 15th for Non-Prophet Week 2015.**

Non - Prophet Week this year is an international event.

THIS YEAR'S CHARITY IS **Give Directly**

Give Directly - "Send money directly to the extreme poor." Using mobile banking technology they are able to do this reliably and inexpensively to ensure that the money goes straight to the people who need it. Give Directly has an admirable commitment to transparency and to gathering evidence for the effectiveness of their interventions, including the use of randomised controlled trials.

- Find out more about them at givedirectly.org

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED?

Fundraising Ideas

Use some of these fundraising ideas as inspiration; don't be afraid to think outside the box. Remember, it may make sense to have more than one event during the week, this encourages participation and allows more people to get involved. UNASH did this very thing in 2014 and raised a staggering £1234.50.

Level of difficulty: EASY

- Bake sale

Make or buy cakes, biscuits or any other food you like and sell them on a stall in university. You gain both the satisfaction of raising money for charity, and cake.

Remember to check your university's health and safety rules: do you need a food safety certificate if selling homemade food?

- Film night

Put on a film and invite people round to watch it with you (See the film directory if you're stuck for ideas). Due to copyright laws you won't be able to charge people to watch the film but you can ask for a donation to go towards popcorn and drinks.

- Bag packing

Go bag packing at a local supermarket and ask for donations. You'll need to approach the supermarket you intend to collect donations at before, specifying when you'll be there and what cause you'll be raising money for.

Take a few buckets for donations and some leaflets about the charity. You may also want to have your volunteers wear t-shirts with the name of the cause on as well.

- Raffle

Buy or ask for donations of prizes. Sell raffle tickets. Collect money. Award prizes.

Raffles are very easy to sort and would make a good addition to any fundraising event or charity night (film night, karaoke night, slave auction...).

Level of difficulty: MEDIUM

- Waxing

Are you particularly hairy? Wonderful! Would your friends pay money to see your leg / body hair ripped off you? Fantastic! Collect sponsorship and then invite people to watch your public waxing.

Top tip: make sure you're not allergic to the wax beforehand! Also try to ensure the person doing the waxing knows what they're doing.

- Karaoke night

You can rent a machine or set something up on a games console or computer. Make people pay to sing or pay to attend.

- Quiz night

The only thing you have to remember to do is to write the quiz and then invite people. And then take their money... For charity.

- Sponsored walk / run

This can be as easy or as hard as you dare. Think about what's achievable for you and your society but remember that the bigger the challenge the more money you'll raise.

- Slave Auction

Sell yourself and your most in-demand society members for the evening to the highest bidder. Not like that.

- Fancy dress challenge

People love it when you make a fool of yourself. Collect sponsorship to wear something silly to university for the week, your pyjamas, a beard, a bear costume...



Luke Dabin just dresses like this normally (2015 UCL)

Level of difficulty: HARD

- Cut off all your hair!

In 2014 Jessica Barnes from the University of Nottingham raised £610 by shaving her head for charity. All you have to do is collect sponsorship and then shave your head in a public place. And don't forget to donate your hair to charity when you're done (see for instance littleprincess.org.uk).

- Sky dive!

Throwing yourself out of a flying tube wings for charity... Why not!

- Go to church for money

Go to church / mosque / temple /attempt the Alpha Course for sponsorship. Not recommended for the faint-hearted.

Our Recommendation:

We recommend you use the week to incorporate all different ideas for fundraising. You might want to have a cake stall in your SU building during the daytime, whilst hosting various speakers during the evenings. This was the method championed by the University of Nottingham's AHS society in 2014, which saw them raise £1234.50. A Non - Prophet Week record for a single society. Can you beat it?

WHAT YOU'LL NEED TO DO:

1. Fund raise the cash!
2. Cash it in to your society account throughout the week.
3. At the end of the week when you've finished all your fund raising, pay in the total amount to the givingwhatwecan.org/trust/givewell online donation page:



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GiveWell has partnered with Giving What We Can to provide UK-taxpayers the ability to make Gift Aid-eligible donations to GiveWell's top charities. Giving What We Can will process your gift and GiveWell will receive a notification of your gift.

If you have any questions regarding the trust, please email trust@givingwhatwecan.org or info@givewell.org.

4. Fill in all your details and remember to allocate **Give Directly** to receive your donation!
5. Take a screen shot of your receipt.
6. Go to this AHS webpage: ahsstudents.org.uk/events/npw2015/
7. Fill in all your details and upload the screenshot of your receipt. Tell us what you did for non-prophet week and add some pictures!

Non-prophet week information

Are you filling out this form for your society or as an individual?

Society ▾

Society Name *

Total Raised by your society /£ *

Receipt/screenshot or other evidence amount transferred to charity *

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What did your society do for NPW?

Please describe the events, fundraising strategies, organisational work etc. that went towards your societies NPW fundraising efforts. (This helps us identify good ideas and share them with other societies and helps us to put together the big picture of what all the societies have been doing so that we can share this through the blog etc.)

Description of your societies NPW activities

Please provide us with up to 6 images of your NPW activities

When we write about NPW after it happens and when we are promoting it next year it really helps to have some nice eye-catching photos of you all enthusiastically doing good.

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Full name of the individual who raised the most in your society - for our national competition

Amount raised by the individual who raised the most

Submit



39 Moreland Street, London, EC1V 8BB.

8. Submit the form. Done!

If you have any queries just contact the Treasurer at treasurer@ahsstudents.ahs.org.uk.

BEATING THE TOTAL

In 2014 we came painfully close to beating our all-time Non-Prophet Week record (£2,879.04) by getting involved next time you can help us beat it. You can raise a little or you can raise a lot - it all helps!

Good luck and have fun!