

# ***STAR Group Guide 2011-12***

## ***Part Six***



### **6.3g Other ideas!**

Here are some suggestions, and if you come up with something brilliant, please let the national office know!

- ★ **Sumo wrestling and bouncy castles.** Getting a sumo wrestling mat or a bouncy castle to your university is not actually that difficult, and has the potential to raise quite a nice sum of money! You can charge people a bit to have a go, as a lot of people will pay some money to experience something they haven't tried since childhood! You do probably have to get a permit from your university, and do think about the location carefully. Advertising is VERY important for this type of event, as the initial investment is quite large, so you have to make sure that you do actually raise some money. Why not try to tie it in with an existing event, for example, a campus sports day or freshers week? Companies that do bouncy castles, wrestling mats, movable climbing walls, and a variety of other things are easily found online.
- ★ **Organise a competition on university grounds.** This could be football, pool, or any other sport, or you could go for one of the quirkier options! The main thing is to tap into a bit of healthy competition! An egg and spoon race, a sack race, or a water fight could be a lot of fun, but do remember to ask for a permit from your university, advertise the event very well, and keep the costs to a minimum – this way, even if you only charge one pound to participate, you're sure to make some money!
- ★ **Organise an auction.** You can include an auction in another event, such as a pub night, or set it up as an event on its own. The items auctioned could be donated goods or experiences of all kinds. Be creative! this could be dinner dates on Valentine's Day, language lessons, tours of local attractions if you happen to know someone working at one, private gigs if your musician/comedian friends are willing to perform at someone's house, donated tickets to gigs, or even pieces of art if you happen to know any local artists!
- ★ **Second-hand clothes sales and markets.** Simple – just make sure to get people to donate unwanted goods in advance and, as always, advertise your event really well!