

Getting started

You can fundraise anytime and anywhere you are in Australia. Just choose the way you want to do your fundraising on our website and click the **'register'** button to get started. Easy! Or, simply call us on 1800 288 476 for more ideas and support.

Once you've completed your registration, you'll receive a registration email with login details for your online fundraising page.

Why do I need to register?

We ask that you register so that we can welcome you to the IN IT for AUTISM community, support you on your journey and most importantly, thank you for your fundraising efforts! Once you register you'll receive emails from us to help you get the best out of your fundraising journey; giving you fundraising tips, where the funds might go towards and inspiring stories from our community.

Do I have to fundraise online?

The best way to fundraise is online, so you can keep track of your donations, who your sponsors are and your donors will receive tax deductible receipts as soon as they donate. If you can't fundraise online, you will need to apply to us for an Authority to Fundraise Letter which authorises you to fundraise on our behalf, which you may need to show donors sponsors and other event organisers.

What support can you provide for me?

Our dedicated team is just a phone call away to help you get your fundraiser started and give you some great tips and tools for success. If you have a questions or need help, please call our Community Fundraising team on 1800 288 476.

How can I promote my fundraiser?

Once you have created your fundraising page, you can start planning the promotion of your fundraiser.

Using social media is a great way to promote your event as you'll have control over the images and updates you share and you are able to engage with people directly - making your messages personalised, which everybody loves. Share your unique URL on social media to get your campaign noticed.

Unfortunately we can't help you promote your fundraiser through Aspect's social media as we need to keep our communication channels open and clear for urgent/important messaging on education and other autism related issues for our autism community.

Our tips and tools section on the website has posters, social media tiles and a fundraising toolkit to support your fundraising activities. Take the time to look through this section and see what might help you get your message out and inspire people to support you!

Fundraising regulations

Each state and territory has its own fundraising legislation. Please make sure you have read the relevant legislation for your location, or if you need further advice, please give us a call on 1800 288 476.

Can I volunteer for Autism Spectrum Australia?

Yes, from time to time we need volunteers to help at our Active events. Please contact us on 1800 288 476 and we can talk you through the options and add you to our Volunteering list.

Why aren't the donations I have received through Facebook Fundraising button appearing on my page?

Facebook will prompt you with a message to create a donation button on your page. Please note this does not link directly to your Aspect fundraising page. The donations via Facebook will go to Paypal Giving account, which then gets transferred to Aspect at certain intervals.

If the donor can provide you with the donation receipt from Facebook we are able to add this offline donation to your fundraising page.

We strongly encourage you to use your IN IT for AUTISM fundraising page link to receive your donations, so you will be able to see and thank your supporters quickly and easily.

If you have any questions regarding Facebook fundraising or require a refund you can apply for a refund here by selecting 'charitable donation': <https://m.facebook.com/help/contact/1937556639801443>

Are my donations tax deductible?

Yes. All donations of \$2 or more to Aspect are tax deductible. We will send you tax receipt for your donation.

Where does my fundraising money go?

While we receive government income for many of our services, some life-changing programs and initiatives are only made possible through the generosity of individuals and organisations. Without these gifts we would not be able to offer sponsorships to families under pressure, build and fit out our new schools, run some of our early intervention projects, provide important respite programs to families in need, or fund our world class research program.

Aspect delivers some services nationally – examples include workshops for parents and training for professionals. We are always looking for ways to expand our services to more people or to support local organisations to provide more and better services. This is part of the reason why we need to raise more money.

Support goes towards:

- Assessments that help identify individual needs at any stage in someone's life;
- School programs that support children to develop skills to become independent and succeed in the wider community;

- Education outreach programs support students in mainstream schools by developing tailored goals, lesson plans and skills training which can be individually assessed and planned;
- Early intervention, Positive behaviour support and therapy;
- Employment mentoring and school leaver support for young adults and adults;
- Adult support services empowering people to achieve their individual goals and gain new levels of independence;
- A parent support network and workshops to help families build connections and community;
- Evidence-informed and applied research shared nationwide to benefit everyone on the autism spectrum
- World class research programme
- Autism specific conferences to share knowledge and build collaboration, for Australia and Asia specific
- Autism friendly works, making Australia more aware and autism friendly autism through working with major organisation
- Employment placement programmes
- Distance education service nationally
- provide autism knowledge and advice via our website and social media networks

My online fundraising dashboard questions

What is my fundraising dashboard?

You will find your fundraising dashboard when you log in to the website with your registration details. This is where you can personalise your page with your own story, add photos, send out emails to your supporters and thank your donors.

How do I upload photos to my page, change my message or page name?

You can add or change photos and edit your blog by clicking on “My dashboard/Edit my page” tab. Just follow the prompts and make sure you save your changes.

How do I ask people for donations?

You can email your networks directly from the fundraising dashboard by clicking “My dashboard/Get Support”. There you will find a template email that you can personalise and send to anyone in your address book.

You can also share your fundraising page URL via social media or SMS by simply cutting and pasting the link.