



Enough Fundraising Skydive 2010

Back in November I was sent an e-mail with 'skydive' in the title box and happily assumed this e-mail was someone asking me to sponsor them to do a skydive. However when I opened the e-mail I realised this 'skydive' wasn't a statement but a question: Would I like to do a skydive? No, not really! I thought. I feel safe and happy with two feet on the ground where I belong so I carried on with my day, unaware of another side of me that wasn't about to let this proposition pass me by. So to my dismay, this (small) part of me that actually quite liked the challenge and a few weeks later I found myself saying 'yes'.

It was really important to me that I made the most of this challenge and opportunity and raised as much money as I could. I set myself a sponsorship target of £1,000, knowing that I needed to have a lot of money behind me to go through with it. After LOTS of asking, nagging, praying and generous donations I eventually reached my target and felt a lot more confident about doing the skydive!

The 6 months between agreeing and the day of the skydive went a lot quicker than I hoped and waiting made me even more nervous! So before I knew it, it was the day before the skydive and the reality really hit me. Going up in a small plane whilst strapped to someone I'd only just met, to jump OUT of the plane from 10,000ft. Not knowing how I would feel or what to expect made it worse but also more exciting. On the day we had a massive group of people, both jumping and encouraging! It was really nice to have family and friends around as it felt a lot less scary knowing we had lots of people supporting us!

There was lots of waiting...waiting to get changed...waiting to board the plane...waiting to jump...

Then the next thing I knew, I was free-falling from the plane at 120mph, I could hardly breathe and the only thing going through my head was 'Please open parachute!'. It felt completely unnatural and REALLY dangerous but was also absolutely amazing and thrilling! After about 30 seconds of free-falling the parachute opened and I had a chance to catch my breath! I felt much safer and happier then! Next was probably the best bit as I relaxed and enjoyed the view! I even got to steer the parachute!

When we landed I couldn't quite believe I had done it and it was over! It was just really exciting to be doing something SO far out of my comfort zone to raise some money for my friends from Enough! I don't know whether it was the adrenaline but after landing I did say I'd do it again and I think given the chance I probably would!

I have to say a MASSIVE thank you to Heather for organising the skydive because without her I wouldn't have even considered it! Definitely one of my favourite days ever and I know all the money raised will be put to good use in Hartcliffe by the lovely Enough team!

Esther

A tandem skydive, great! A way to raise funds for Enough, great!! One cold winter day I etched a plan to put the two together and see if there were at least 10 people willing to put their lives in my hands! As time went on 13 people agreed to jump and fundraise and so the date was set, the sponsor forms were circulating and people were getting scared.

There were a variety of people taking part: family, Enough volunteers, friends and a variety of others. A few were totally scared of heights, couldn't even walk across the suspension bridge or stand at the top of the stairs, yet said they would still jump.

The date came and what a glorious and sunny day it was. We did the training and got the suits on (not too fashionable) and then one by one we were on the plane. Everyone who jumped was so pleased and only one person came down and said they would never do it again.

It was a great event and I was so proud of each person who took part. We raised so much money for the ongoing work of Enough and each metre down was worth every penny! They did a great job and now I need to think about what activity to do next!

Heather- The Organiser

We have to say that as we love you guys loads its always a pleasure to help with any fund raising as we know how important ENOUGH is to you all and that what you all do is amazing. Please next time though can we have something on the ground.
Lee & Steve

A sentence that summed it up for me... "If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you..."
Mike

The skydive was - like nothing else I will ever experience! I can't believe it went from so fast and windy to silent in a split second, I was completely terrified but loved it, and was so happy to be raising money for ENOUGH at the same time.
Lucy

I'm still alive! I barely had time to think 'what on earth am I doing'. It was the most amazing experience! Thank you so much for supporting ENOUGH through this craziness!
Suzie

Having an awesome time to raise money for awesome people- does it get any better?? I think not!!!!!!
Warren

Sky diving was the most exhilarating experience of my life so far!
Kate