

How to wow the First Give Judges

Thank you so much for choosing to support Shooting Star Children's Hospices for your First Give Project. We hope this pack proves useful in your journey to win a monetary prize for Shooting Star Children's Hospices.

Step 1: All about Shooting Star Children's Hospices

Shooting Star Children's Hospices is your local children's charity caring for babies, children and young people with life-limiting conditions, and their families.

Whether lives are measured in days, weeks, months or years, we are here to make every moment count.

Visit our fabulous website shootingstar.org.uk and find out all about us. Read our family stories, watch our latest video and see what's been happening in our news.

Step 2: Visiting us

Unfortunately, we do not host private tours of our hospices outside our public open days. Our hospices are a home from home for the families we support and we must respect their privacy.

However, you would be very welcome to visit our friendly fundraising team at our office in Weybridge.

To find out when our next public open days are or to book a visit to our fundraising office then email Georgina on georgina.brookes@shootingstar.org.uk or call 01932 823121.

Step 3: Your presentation

How to wow the judges with an inspiring presentation

Research

- Make sure you are confident talking about the charity and each team member can articulate a few key points of information about Shooting Star Children's Hospices in case of questions.
- Ask our fundraising staff if you have any specific questions!
- Follow us on Facebook and Twitter to see what we're communicating to our supporters.
- Request an annual review to find out more about how we are funded.

Be confident

- Show the judges that you are passionate about Shooting Star Children's Hospices and know your stuff.
- Speak loudly, clearly and with confidence. Don't rush and don't forget to smile!
- Make it moving by tell a story, you can find family case studies on our website.

Be creative

- Add some entertainment or interactive elements to your presentation to further engage your audience. How about some simple Makaton?

Use audio or visual aids

- Request a copy of our DVD or show videos from our website.

Be time-smart

- You only have a limited time so be prompt and well prepared. Make sure your presentation flows and that you have had several practices!

Step 4: Keep in touch!

Whether you are successful in winning a monetary prize or not, you have made Shooting Star Children's Hospices proud through your representation.

Keep in touch with us by taking part in our various fundraising activities and following us on twitter @sschospices.