

## Top tip 1

# There's no time like the present

Start fundraising NOW! The sooner you start, the more you will raise and the easier it will be for you to reach your target.

### What next?

Visit our website to get some fundraising inspiration and ideas:

[thistle.org.uk/fundraisingideas](http://thistle.org.uk/fundraisingideas)



## Top tip 2

# Make it personal

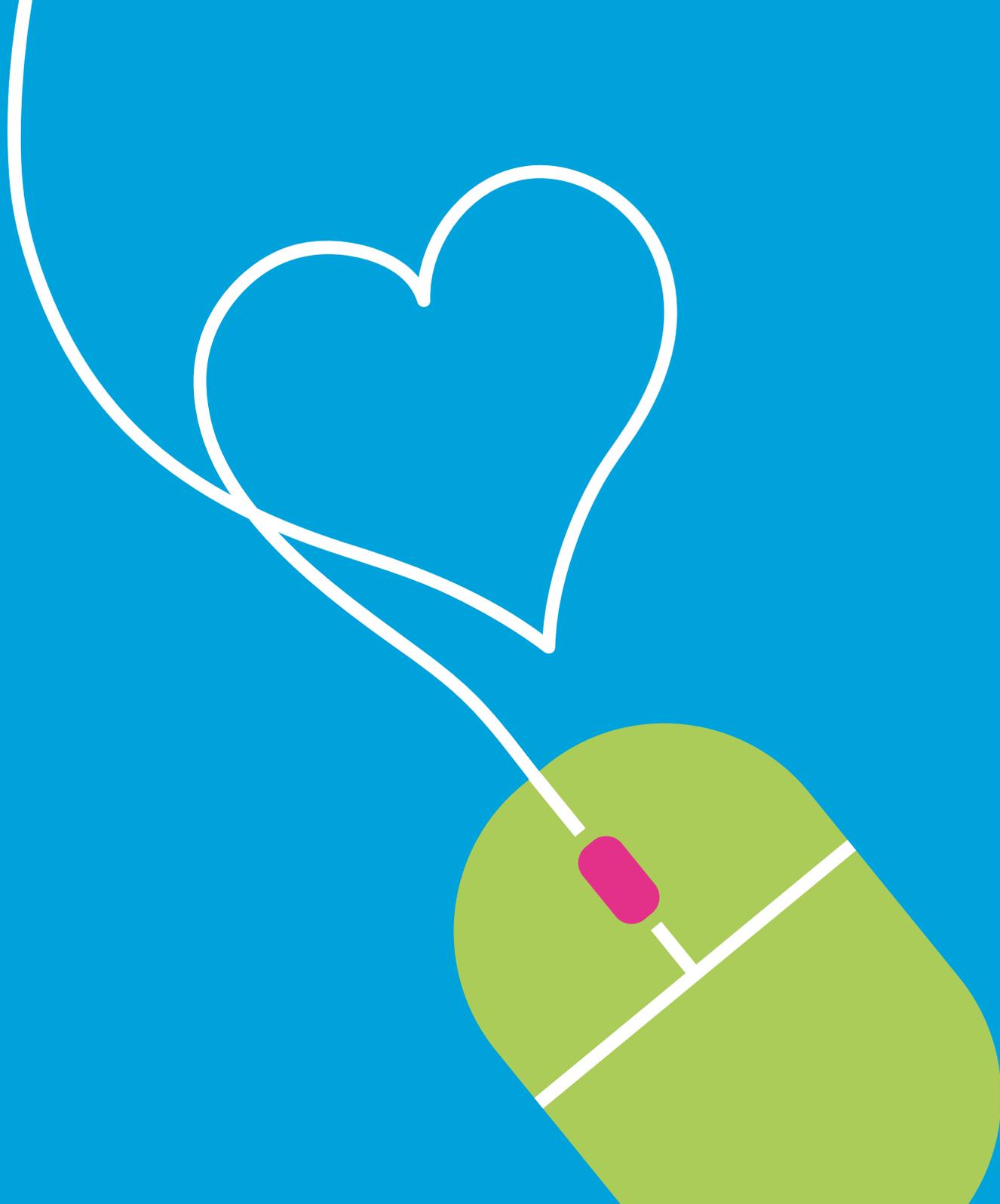
Once you have decided on your fundraising event or activity, create your own personal fundraising page. It's the easiest way for people to sponsor you or give donations and is completely secure. Get in touch with us if you need help setting this up.

### What next?

Set up a personal fundraising page at:

[everydayhero.co.uk/event/thistle](https://everydayhero.co.uk/event/thistle)

and start fundraising!



## Top tip 3

# Don't be shy

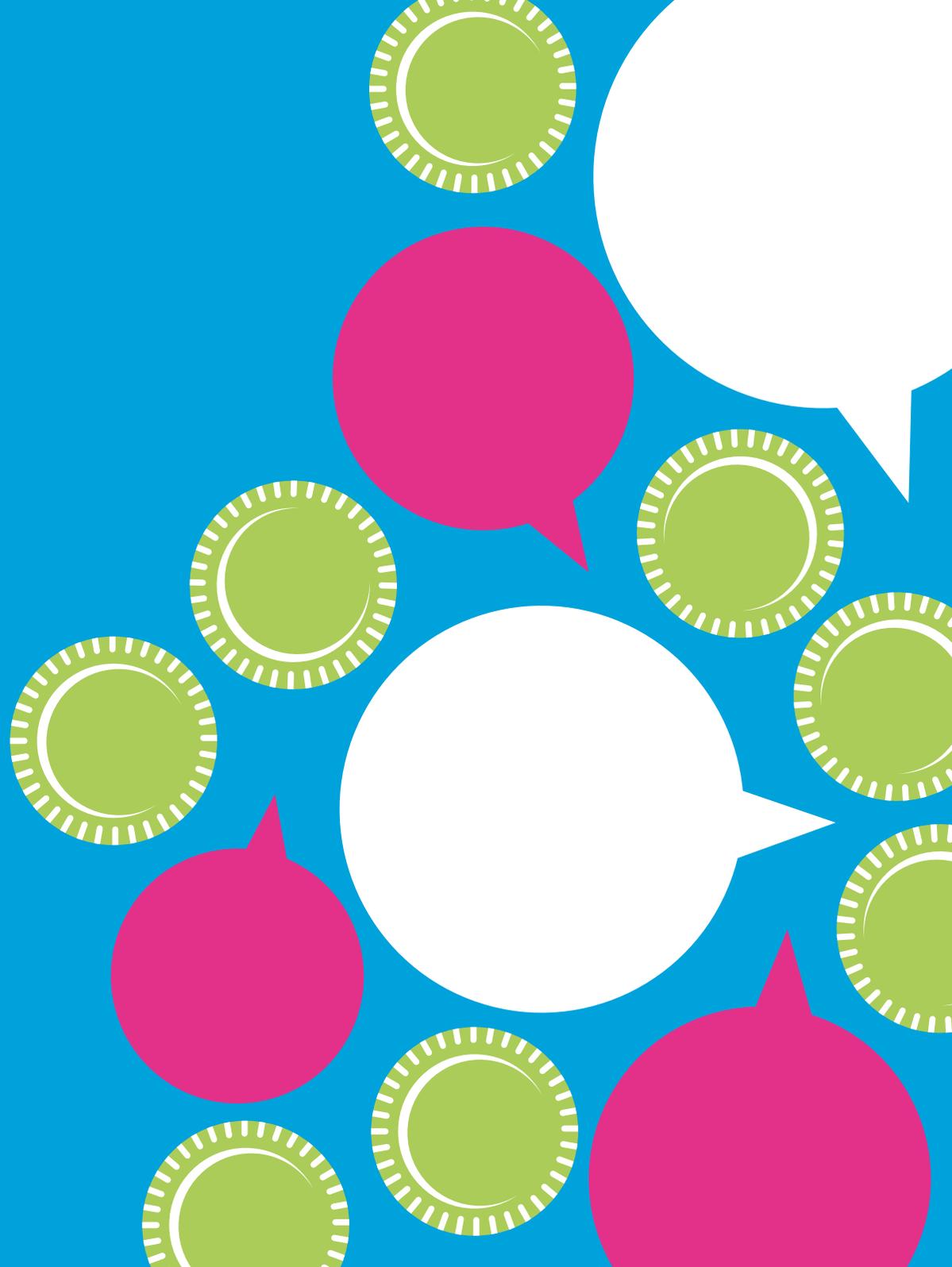
You are doing a great thing in raising money for us, so tell everyone! To encourage your sponsors to be as generous as possible, ask the person who is likely to give you the most money first.

Also if any of your sponsors are UK tax payers, by ticking the Gift Aid box on the sponsor form means that for every £1 they sponsor you, Thistle gets £1.25.

### What next?

You can download one of our sponsorship forms at:

[thistle.org.uk/sponsorme](http://thistle.org.uk/sponsorme)



## Top tip 4

# Double your money

Find out if your employer operates a matched giving scheme – this means they will double whatever you raise through your own fundraising efforts, giving a fantastic boost to your total amount.



## Top tip 5

# Looking Good

The more people know about your fundraising, the more money you are likely to raise.

To make your event look really professional you can download posters and access materials from our website. There are lots of stories here too, which you can share to let people know how their money will make a difference.

### What next?

Download posters from our website:

[thistle.org.uk/sponsorme](http://thistle.org.uk/sponsorme)

