



## SARA COX STEPS OFF THE DANCE FLOOR AS SHE COMPLETES HER EPIC 24 HOUR DANCE CHALLENGE, WITH AN INCREDIBLE £905,239 RAISED FOR RED NOSE DAY SO FAR

This morning, Superstar DJ Sara Cox, completed her 24 hour 80s dance challenge, when Radio 2 officially announced that Sara has so far raised **£905,239**, as of 10am this morning.

Over the last 24 hours, Sara has been throwing 80s inspired shapes non-stop to raise cash for Red Nose Day, which is back this Friday. Sara was joined throughout the challenge by a whole host of musicians, dancers and friends who joined the DJ on the dance floor to show off their own moves. Guests included Dara O'Briain, Nick Grimshaw, Dermot O'Leary, Jo Brand, Joe Lycett, Matt Baker and a couple of surprises for Sara including actor Tom Hollander and Neil Tennant from the Pet Shop Boys. There were also special performances from the cast of *Thriller* and *Beautiful The Carole King Musical*, plus 80s legends Tony Hadley, Erasure and Level 42.

**Sara Cox, who presents Radio 2 Sounds of the 80s every Friday from 10pm-midnight, said;** "Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the gorgeous people that donated, you are amazing and it's you that kept me dancing, I love you! The money is seriously going to make such a massive difference to so many people across the UK and around the world."

**Lewis Carnie, Head of Radio 2 said;** "Everyone at Radio 2 is hugely proud of Sara's dancing efforts over the past 24 hours, and I'd like to congratulate her on raising hundreds of thousands of pounds for Red Nose Day."

To support Sara or if you're inspired to hold your own dancing fundraiser, head to [bbc.co.uk/radio2](http://bbc.co.uk/radio2) or [rednoseday.com](http://rednoseday.com) where there is a host of fundraising ideas. All the money raised will be used to help change countless lives, both here in the UK and across the world's poorest communities.

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## About Red Nose Day

- Red Nose Day is back on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March and it's all about your power to make the world a better place, simply by having a great time.
- By raising (or donating) cash this Red Nose Day, you're helping to change lives. That's because Comic Relief spends the money raised to help the people who really need it most, both here in the UK and across Africa.
- From workplace bake sales and fancy-dress fundraising in schools, to danceathons, quizzes and surreal sponsored challenges, put on a Red Nose and make your laugh matter by doing whatever you enjoy to raise life-changing cash.
- It all culminates in a massive night of comedy and entertainment, live on the BBC.

## About Comic Relief

Comic Relief is a UK charity which aim to create a just world, free from poverty – where everyone is safe, healthy, educated and empowered. Since 1985, Comic Relief has raised over £1 billion. That money has helped, and is helping, people living incredible tough lives, both here at home in the UK and across the world.

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