

**The
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Society**



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Welcome

As you may be aware, the past 18 months has been extremely challenging for charities and we're extremely grateful for your support.

The Children's Society are in the process of future proofing our finances so that we can be in the best possible position to have the biggest impact possible for children and young people. This means we are having to make savings in staff costs by October leading to some staff leaving us shortly as we prepare to launch our ambitious Destination 2030 strategy later the same month.

As part of this change process I have taken the decision to take voluntary redundancy, as I feel the time is right for me to seek a new challenge elsewhere after nine years at The Children's Society. My last day will be on Friday 22 October.

I could not have had a successful nine years here without your help and support and I look forward to hearing how the work continues and will follow with interest.

London Marathon volunteers needed!



Sunday 3 October 2021 sees the return of the London Marathon for the first time since 2019 - and we're looking for some motivated volunteers to help our runners over the finish line!

We have cheer points on mile 13 in Shadwell or the post-race reception at Church House. We can find roles for you no matter how much time you can give.

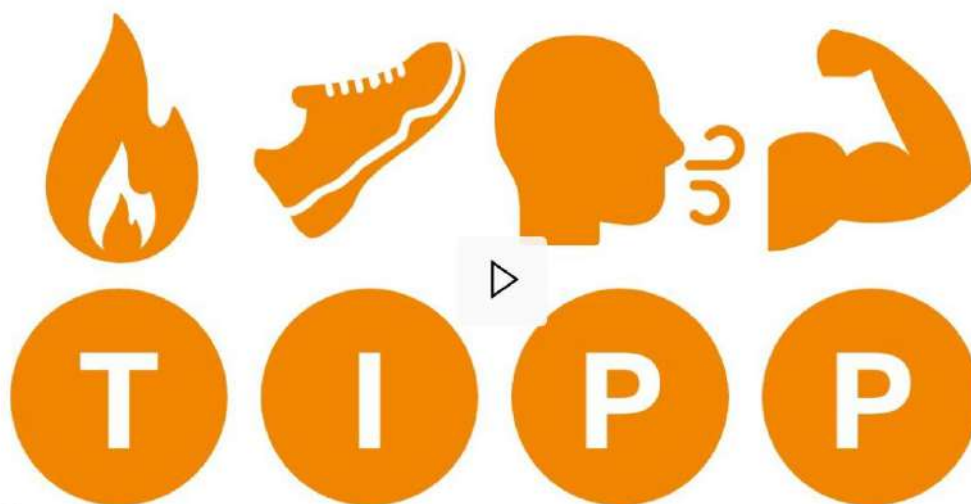
The day is always so much fun and you'll be part of a friendly team, experience the amazing atmosphere and receive a full briefing. To get involved or find out more information about what volunteering on the day looks like, please get in touch.

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One to watch



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A video from our RISE Newcastle and Gateshead project, my colleague Emma Youd explains TIPP skills, which are great techniques for helping young people feel calm when their emotions get overwhelming.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q_TInmjIPuY

In The News

Droitwich Archdeacon Nikki Groarke, who is running the London Marathon on our behalf, made the Droitwich Standard. Read more about why she chose The Children's Society below.

<https://droitwichstandard.co.uk/news/archdeacon-to-run-london-marathon-for-the-childrens-society/>

We were cited in a piece by the Evening Standard about how criminals target children in care homes and pupil referral units to groom them into criminal and sexual exploitation.

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/criminals-recruit-children-county-lines-childrens-homes-b955174.html>

Our research into the cost of school uniforms was again cited across the media as schools returned for the new academic year. The highlight was an interview by our Policy Manager Azmina Siddique for BBC Newsround, but there were also mentions on BBC local radio stations, both BBC and ITV News Online, in Closer magazine, the Independent and across local media.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/58201661>

Our shops were namechecked in Glamour magazine as a place to find high end designer fashion as part of a story about Second Hand September.

<https://www.glamourmagazine.co.uk/gallery/second-hand-shopping-tips>

And we were mentioned in a Daily Mail story about drug dealing – and how we had heard of children being forced by those exploiting them to wear delivery firm uniforms as a cover.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9982865/Police-snare-suspected-drug-dealer-17-dressed-Just-Eat-rider-London.html>

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The dangers of teenage stereotypes



Society is gradually waking up and challenging harmful stereotypes, although teenagers still get a raw deal. Being moody, sleeping late, mobile gazing are often just dismissed as ‘a teenage thing’.

Even the word ‘teenager’ can feel problematic at times. And it shouldn’t. We look at some unfair teenage stereotypes and what certain behaviours could actually mean.

Click below for the full blog.

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-we-do/blogs/common-teenage-stereotypes>

Throwback TCS turns 140



This year we’ve been celebrating our 140th anniversary.

On 21 March 1881 a committee of 14 men met in Caron Place, South Lambeth and resolved “to establish a central home in connection with the Church of England for the reception of destitute children”. The meeting was hosted and chaired by Mark Beaufoy (a wealthy vinegar manufacturer) and Edward Rudolf acted as secretary. The following year the committee fulfilled their aim and opened our first home in East Dulwich.

The picture shows actor and radio broadcaster Wilfred Pickles

attending a joint birthday party for four girls at St Christopher’s Home, Altrincham in 1948. St Christopher’s was founded as a girls’ home in 1911 but, like many other TCS homes, started to accommodate both girls and boys after WWII. The home continued to operate until 1974.

Lastly...

Thank you once again, I’ve thoroughly enjoyed the past 9 years here at The Children’s Society. Whilst having an impact on the lives of young people has been rewarding, getting to meet, talk and work with so many of you has been one of the highlights.

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