

Your church can  
**transform lives**  
**for good.**

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# The heartbeat of TLG

Everything at TLG begins with the local church. When TLG first began in 1999, we were just one church responding to the needs of struggling children in the local community.

Now, we're a nationwide movement of hundreds of churches bringing hope and a future, believing that the difference made in the life of just one child can echo into eternity.

At the heart of TLG is the unwavering belief that the local church has the power to transform lives. We're all about supporting churches to bring hope and a future to struggling children and families.

We know that in every village, town and city across the UK there are churches just like yours ready to impact the community. So whether you feed a hungry child, coach a child struggling in school or refuse to give up on an excluded young person who needs a second chance, through TLG you can, and will, see the power of the local church in action.

## Will you say yes?



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Every day I see the difference that TLG makes in broken lives. It is inspiring, stretching and envisioning. Our towns and cities need to see love like this.

– Simon Downham, Vicar of St. Paul's Hammersmith – TLG partner church

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# Filling the holiday hunger gap

For too many children, when school stops for the holidays, so does the food.

For the thirteen weeks of school holidays this year, many children in the UK will go each day without the food they need. At school more than 1.5 million children are eligible to receive free school meals. Outside of term time though, the free school meals stop and many children are left hungry and without regular food.

## The Opportunity

We're determined that no child in the UK should be going without food. During school holidays, our network of partner churches open lunch clubs across the UK to provide free, healthy, hot food for children who usually receive free school meals. We believe that every child deserves to eat a hot meal every day.

## The Impact

Since Make Lunch began, our partner churches have cooked and served over 80,000 meals to more than 20,000 children who would otherwise go hungry. All our clubs are run by volunteers who believe that even just one meal for one child could make a vital difference.



**1 in 5**  
 children in the UK face food insecurity, one of the highest rates in Europe.  
 - Unicef Report, 2017



### How TLG Helps

As a TLG Make Lunch club, you'll have access to our wealth of tried and tested resources, including recipes, activities and guidelines to help you run a really successful Lunch Club.

You'll benefit from on-going advice and support from our team who are passionate about helping you to reach those in need. What's more, we'll guide you through all the statutory requirements and finer details to run a really brilliant Lunch Club.

As a TLG Make Lunch club, you'll also benefit from our national partnerships and corporate sponsors, such as with Brakes Meals & More scheme, which provides significantly discounted food & supplies, as well as funding for a growing number of partnered Lunch Clubs.

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**I now know why God gave me a burning feeling in my heart the day I heard about Make Lunch. Despite us having no money, no kitchen, no volunteers, I told God it's a crazy idea and He said, 'Watch me!'**

- Katja O'Neil, Lunch Maker,  
St. John's Farley Hill, Luton

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TLG Make Lunch, Hull



## Marcie and Joanne's story

"I used to be petrified of school holidays. I'm on a very low income. I get enough to just about keep our heads above water – but that's it. So when the holidays came I'd be afraid of how I was going to feed my daughter, Marcie.

We were told about the Make Lunch club at the Baptist church in town. It's turned out to be a lifesaver for us – a complete godsend.

As well as the food, Make Lunch has made Marcie and I feel like we belong to a community. We've started coming

along to the church and they've become our extended family.

When I first started coming to church, it was a very small congregation. But now, it's bigger every time we go. There's more people attending the Lunch Club too and it's all through word of mouth.

When it comes to the future for me and Marcie, I just hope we'll be happy, that we belong somewhere and that we're part of something big. Let's see what happens!"

> Find out more by visiting: [tlg.org.uk/make-lunch](http://tlg.org.uk/make-lunch)

# One coach, one child, one hour a week

All over the UK, children are struggling in school for all kinds of reasons and many families are suffering without hope.

The effects of poverty, bereavement, family breakdown, abuse or being in the care system can have a huge effect on a child's education. Some children may be struggling with lack of confidence, facing bullying, have no positive role models, or just be in desperate need of an adult to talk to.

## The Opportunity

TLG Early Intervention gives your church a practical solution to supporting struggling children. The programme sees church volunteers providing one-to-one coaching for children in local schools who are finding it hard to cope.

Every volunteer spends an hour each week with a child - having fun together, listening and showing them that somebody cares for them.

Invariably, whenever a child is struggling at school, there is a family that needs caring for too. TLG Early Intervention introduces you to families in need of the comfort of your loving church community.



## Two-thirds

of children say they worry 'all the time.'

- Place2Be Report, 2017



**The Impact**

Every year, church volunteers across the UK offer an incredible 20,000 coaching sessions for children needing vital support. What's more, because of Early Intervention, we're seeing more and more children and their families accessing the wider support of the local church.

**How TLG Helps**

TLG provides volunteers from your church with comprehensive training so that your coaches professionally and sensitively create a safe environment for every child. Plus, your church's coordinator (the lead coach) will receive additional training to support your team. Knowing that time can so often be a



barrier to church volunteers getting involved, we'll provide your church's coaches with more than a year's worth of bespoke resources and session plans. Our aim is to make it as simple as possible!

You won't feel like you're out there on your own as our Regional Leaders provide regular support. In addition, you'll have access to our dedicated online system known as 'Coaching Village' to enable you to see the impact that your church is making.

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**We want to be a church where the local community would feel a sense of loss if we ceased to exist. TLG helps us to achieve that by making it so easy for us to get alongside and help some of the most vulnerable children in our community"**

- Simon Benham, Senior Pastor, Kerith Community Church Bracknell

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**Ruby and Emma's story**

**When Emma's daughter Ruby was struggling and offered a TLG coach, little did they know it would start them on an exciting journey of faith.**

"Ruby didn't find school the easiest of places and she would lock all of her emotions inside. She'd be crying all the way home. As Ruby's time at primary school began to draw to a close, I was apprehensive.

That's when Jo - Ruby's Early Intervention coach from our local church - came along. Through their

weekly coaching sessions, Jo built Ruby up and reminded her how special she is.

With Jo, our lives have totally turned around. She invited us on a TLG weekend away and I found God. I knew I needed something that was missing and I'd been searching to fill the gap in my life after my mum had died.

I came away from the weekend so much happier. We've become part of Jo's church too. Now I know God's got a plan for all of us and that God loves us."

# Offering second chances

With over 400,000 school exclusions taking place across the UK every year, a generation of children are being stamped with failure at such a pivotal stage in their young lives.

So often, for excluded young people, their actions at school are a cry for help due to their chaotic home lives. At the core of this exclusions crisis you'll find children and young people desperate to be loved.

## The Opportunity

TLG empowers churches to open their very own alternative provision Education Centres for 11-16 year olds struggling in education. Each centre is run by Christian staff and offers a life-changing opportunity for young people to get back on track and gain crucial qualifications.

**89%** of young offenders 16 and under were excluded from school

- HM Inspectorate of Prisons, 2016

**Only 1%**  
of excluded pupils get the five good GCSEs they need to access the workforce.  
- IPPR Report, 2017

## The Impact

TLG Education Centres have a strong track record of success. Twelve months after leaving our programmes, 94% of young people are still in further education, employment or training.

## How TLG Helps

Setting up a school can be a daunting process but with 20 years experience and 13 schools throughout the UK, we will guide you through all the steps and make sure you're prepared to meet Ofsted requirements. We provide intensive support to all of our education centres once open, ensuring that you are making the biggest possible difference to young people in your town or city.



## Danny's story

"TLG is like a family. They genuinely cared about me and I gradually began to trust them. They really were persistent and helped take me to where I needed to be in life. After TLG, I returned to mainstream school, then progressed on to college and university.

"The staff I was surrounded by at TLG were different from anywhere I'd been to school before. They were helping kids like me, not for their own gain, but for God."

> Find out more by visiting: [tlg.org.uk/education-centres](http://tlg.org.uk/education-centres)



TLG Education Centre, West London

# Partnering with TLG: your next steps...

Our Church Partnerships team would love to begin a conversation with you. With hundreds of church partners, we've helped churches of all shapes and sizes find the right TLG programme for them and their community.



For more detail, each TLG programme has its own brochure explaining the steps of partnering with TLG. Get in touch to request a copy!



You can call us on [01274 900377](tel:01274900377) or just drop us an email at [partnerships@tlg.org.uk](mailto:partnerships@tlg.org.uk)



Alternatively, visit [tlg.org.uk/your-church](http://tlg.org.uk/your-church) to explore the options further.

## Don't stay silent. Speak up for struggling children today.

Our vibrant team of trained TLG speakers each have a powerful message of hope to share with churches. Request a TLG speaker to inspire your church about the impact that partnering with TLG can have!

Visit [www.tlg.org.uk/request-a-speaker](http://www.tlg.org.uk/request-a-speaker) to find out more.



Get your hands on TLG's exciting resource for  
parents & carers today!

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school kit

**We get it. Being a parent isn't easy. But rather than struggling alone, our churches can be a place to support each other through the highs and lows.**

Join churches around the country by running School Kit - a simple and down-to-earth course for parents of school-age children. Based around three sessions, School Kit gives parents space to learn from each other and discover how to help kids make sure their school days are their best days.

Preview School Kit and get going  
online by visiting [tlg.org.uk/school-kit](http://tlg.org.uk/school-kit)



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