

HOW

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

IS WORKING WITH

The **Methodist Church**



Thank you to our Methodist supporters

April 2018



Your support

Thank you for the remarkable support we continue to receive from you – we are truly grateful. We are blessed with the strong and inspiring relationship we have with the Methodist Church.

In 2017/18, donations directly generated from local church fundraising and memorials totalled around £1.3m. Methodists contributed in other ways; for instance, taking part in national events, like marathons, and leaving legacy gifts. Furthermore, several churches kindly allowed us to use their premises to deliver vital services, and volunteers helped out, across the country. In September 2017, two ONE Programme interns started one-year placements, bringing valuable skills and insight.

We look forward to strengthening our partnership with the Methodist Church – finding new opportunities to work together; sharing our expertise and engaging young people through 3Generate and schools. Next year, we will celebrate our 150th anniversary, and we have started discussing how to celebrate it with our wonderful Methodist supporters.

Thank you

My Swap 'n' Shop

Wardrobe stuffed to the brim with clothes that don't fit? Have a clear out and support Action for Children, with our new My Swap 'n' Shop fundraising pack!

My Swap 'n' Shop gives you everything you need to clear out your cupboards, and sell your preloved items, in aid of Action for Children. With tips for selling online and in your local community, we've got you covered. Sign up today to download your free fundraising kit! actionforchildren.org.uk/myswapshop

Anyone can get involved. One school raised £70 in 30 minutes, with children buying and selling preloved toys.



Giant Wiggle

The 2018 Giant Wiggle is nearly here – taking place 7-13 May. This fun sponsored walk is perfect for teaching your little caterpillars about supporting their local community, at the same time as helping them towards their educational milestones, using our worksheets and resources.

To sign up and receive your pack, full of arts and crafts and fundraising ideas, visit actionforchildren.org.uk/giantwiggle



League of Light boxes



Many of you will know about our League of Light collection boxes. They are an iconic and integral part of our fundraising.

The League of Light began in 1932 and the lanterns were designed by John Buchanan, a much-loved artist who grew up in a National Children's Home. Each year, these little boxes raise around £500,000. Thank you for your incredible support.

The lantern design may have changed, but The League of Light continues to grow, and support our vital work. We're always looking for more League members, so, if you would like a lantern, please get in touch with your local fundraiser: actionforchildren.org.uk/find-your-fundraiser

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Helping young people
on their journey to
better mental health.



Action for Children become FirstGroup's next charity partner

FirstGroup's new three-year partnership with Action for Children begins on 1st April, worth around £1m in cash, fundraising, and the commercial value of gifts in kind.

The partnership aims to support some of the UK's most disadvantaged children by funding mental health projects, enabling the delivery of essential specialist programmes to young people who need them. The partnership will also raise awareness of the issue, by utilising advertising space across FirstGroup's UK transport network.

Shockingly, around three children in every classroom is suffering from a diagnosable mental health disorder. The children and young people Action for Children support have often experienced traumatic childhoods, leading to poor emotional health and well-being. Our partnership will enable Action for Children to deliver that essential mental health support to young people who need it.

Step Out for Children



It might not feel like it at the moment, but it's getting closer to summer and our programme of local, sponsored walks!

Every year, our dedicated walk organisers put on some fantastic walks, up and down the country, so we hope you are able to get involved.

To find out more, take a look at the Step Out for Children brochure, enclosed with this newsletter, or check our website: actionforchildren.org.uk/step-out

The importance of having a Will

Will writing can be daunting, but it is essential to help plan for the future and provide security for your loved ones.

Having a Will can reduce the inheritance tax paid on your estate (everything you own). Currently, 40% tax is paid on estates over £325,000. A solicitor will be able to advise you on how to reduce this.

You can be at peace, knowing that your wishes will be carried out and your family and friends will be cared for.

At Action for Children we were very fortunate to receive hundreds of gifts in Will, last year – totalling over £4m. Thanks to this special way of giving, we can develop innovative and specialised services, supporting hundreds of thousands of children.

Gifts in Wills don't have to be large amounts to make a big difference. To find out more about leaving a gift in your Will, or the Will-writing partners we work with, please visit actionforchildren.org.uk/legacies. Alternatively, call **0300 123 2112**, to speak to our legacy team directly, or email legacies@actionforchildren.org.uk

Included with this newsletter is a Gifts in Wills poster. Please feel free to put this on your church notice boards.

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