



Welcome to Charity Link's May e-news!



Dear ,

May is a very special month for us – it's **Charity Link's 150th birthday!**

On 29 May 1876, the first meeting of the Leicester Charity Organisation Society (as Charity Link was then known) took place at the County Rooms - now The City Rooms - in Leicester city centre.

Chaired by the Mayor, Alderman Barfoot, this meeting marked the beginning of what would become 150 years of dedicated support for people in need.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of supporters like you. Thank you for being part of our story – past, present and future.

April highlights



CEO Sleepout success

The team and Michael (from Better IT) braved a night outside and raised over £700. Do your own sleepout through our [Go4It Challenge](#).



London Marathon hero

Jordan from TC Group completed the marathon and has raised over £1,800 so far (there's still time to [sponsor Jordan](#)).



Business networking

We welcomed 25 Business Club members and guests to our event, supported by Mattioli Woods



Office visit

Shokat Adam MP visited the team to learn more about our work.

In April, with your support, together, we helped 316 people by distributing 545 essential items worth £77,444.

We've been changing lives in need for 150 years. We can only continue to change lives with your support. Thank you!

Ela's story



Ela is in her early twenties and suddenly found herself becoming a parent to her younger sister after she was removed from their mother's care due to

abuse.

Ela returned home immediately, leaving her job to protect and support her sister. With little money and no savings, she secured a small flat but couldn't afford the basics – including beds.

Thanks to your support, we were able to help. Today, both sisters have a bed of their own and a safer foundation as they start a new life together.

[Read more client stories here](#)

Leicestershire 3 Peaks Challenge - registration open!



Thank you to everyone already signed up for our award-winning Leicestershire 3 Peaks Challenge on Sunday 27th September.

Early-bird entry is open until the end of June – and to mark our 150th year, we'd love 150 people taking part!

Be part of something special – [sign up here](#).

Know a business who would like to be an Event Supporter? Ask us for more details.

Buy a Bed bookmark launch!

Our new bookmark is helping to raise awareness of bed poverty.

Huge thanks to Aleena for the fantastic artwork!

If you'd like copies to share at a local school/library/reading club, please get in touch (hello@charity-link.org).



Job opportunity!

We are hiring an Operations & Commercial Manager to lead and oversee our trading division - The Goods Depot. If you are interested in this role (or know someone who might be) you can find out more information on [our website](#).

Ways to support us!

There are lots of ways you can get involved to support our vital work...



**Help mark our 150th
anniversary**



Become a Charity Link Friend

Go4it

**Sleep without a bed to give a
bed**



Proud Business Supporter Club

Join our Business Club

**Charity Link's
Leicestershire
3 Peaks Challenge**

**Register now for early bird
prices**



**Last few tickets for our
Birthday Ball**

Thank you for your support. I hope you have a lovely month!

Sue

P.S. Could you help support our Birthday Ball by donating a prize (or service) we can raffle or auction? If you have any ideas, we would love to hear from you (hello@charity-link.org).

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