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# Connect

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## London & Kent Supporter News with Relationship Manager, Jonathan Mann.

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### Welcome

I hope this finds you well, I don't know about you but I can hardly believe it is almost July. In some respects this year feels like its dragged and in other respects it feels like it has flown. As ever I am glad to have the chance to send this month's Update

We continue to deliver for young people. Through our amazing services we are impacting young people every single day. Last week our CEO Mark Russell sent a letter to the Immigration Minister enclosing a letter from the Youth Led Commission on Separated Children, calling on the Government to provide a guardian for every separated young person, attached to the letter was the petition signed by over 21,000 of our supporters who stand with those young people and demand change as part of our #DistressSignals campaign. This is a wonderful example of TCS amplifying the voice of young people to fight for change.

### Holiday Hunger Webinar



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The Children's Society and The Trussell Trust invite you to a free **National Church Audience Webinar** to hear about supporting children, young people, and families over the school summer holidays. Hear reflections from experiences of living in poverty and about the work of The Trussell Trust in collaboration with churches and their communities. Examples will be shared of how to support those affected by holiday hunger and to improve mental health and well-being.

Hosted by **Ruth Andoh-Baxter** (The Children's Society Relationship Manager for the South), with **The Reverend Lizzi Green** (Curate of St Albans, Gossops Green, Crawley in the Diocese of Chichester), **Dr Heather Buckingham** (Head of Church Engagement at The Trussell Trust) and a local Trussell Trust Foodbank Manager/practitioner.

Sign up even if you can't attend on the day to receive a recording with the presentations as well as all the relevant resource links.

Tickets are **free but registration is essential** via this **Zoom link** -  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN\\_pxjnJMj0QmKU3dfSy4X45Q](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_pxjnJMj0QmKU3dfSy4X45Q)

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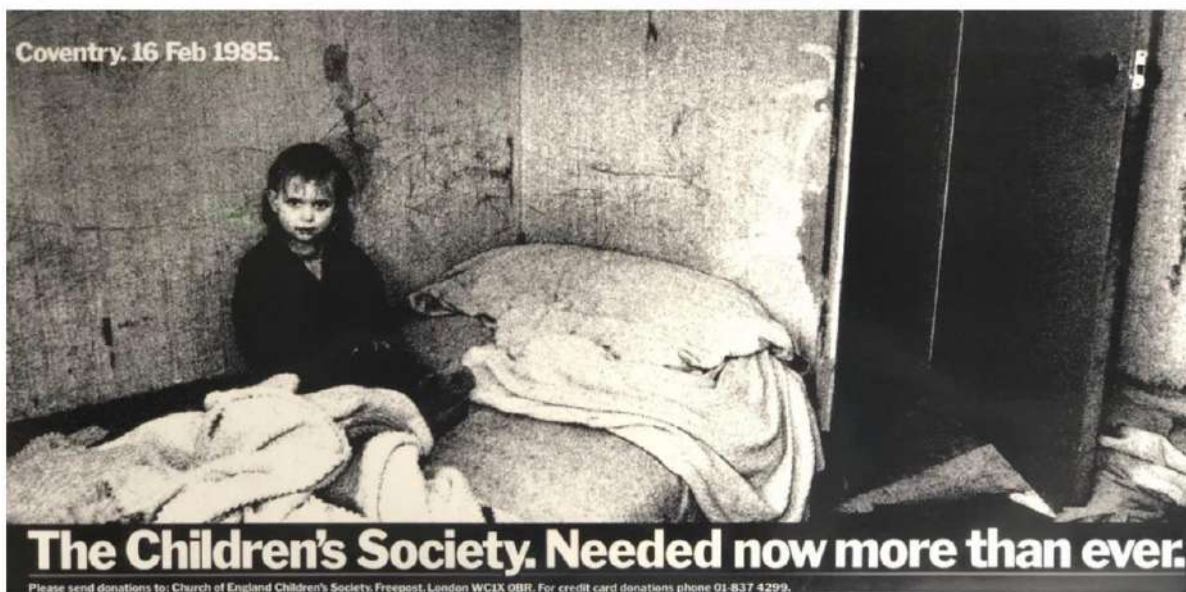
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## Throwback -1985

The advert below feature images of children living in squalor and poverty and sleeping rough on the streets. It was quite a hard hitting campaign.

They allude to the conditions that motivated Edward Rudolf to establish TCS in the 1880s, point out that children are still facing similar issues in 1985 and conclude that TCS is “Needed now more than ever.”



## Volunteer Community Hub

Did you know we have a Volunteer Community Hub, it's a dedicated site for all of our volunteers. The Hub contains resources to support you in your role and a forum where you can share inspirational stories and connect with other volunteers across the country.

If you'd like to sign up, pop me an e-mail.

## We Looked, We Listened, We Responded

The Department for Education funded national 'See, Hear, Respond' programme was delivered from June 2020 – March 2021 by a large consortium of children's charities, including TCS, Barnardos, Action for Children and a further 84 community based delivery partners.

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### **Who did we support?**

Specific cohorts of children and young people included those under the age of five, children with special educational needs, children at risk of exploitation, children from black and ethnic minority backgrounds and refugee young people and young carers. The wide-ranging support provision included advice and support for families, particularly for parents, therapeutic support, responding to crisis needs, online

group work aiming to reduce isolation and manage stress and wellbeing, detached street based youth work and support for young people with reintegration into education. Notably the underlying need across all of the young people and the type of support provided was in response to the poor and rapidly declining mental health needs of young people.

### **How did we support those in need?**

Our Programmes across England worked incredibly hard and a total of 5059 children and young people received support from TCS through the programme. They were predominantly over 11 years old with significant mental health and anxiety needs, BAME young people, young refugees, young carers, those at risk of exploitation and those in need of crisis support.

Our ways of working included digital therapeutic, crisis, group work and reintegration to education support for young people across England. The digital response enabled us to reach and respond to young people in crisis outside of the normal geographies and regions of our programmes of work. By triaging flexibly across our programmes we responded holistically to the needs of young people and were able to tailor packages of support from across our diverse and multiple range of services.

## **Saxathon**



Bri, a Paramedic at Bromley ambulance station is organising a Saxathon to raise funds for The Children's Society and TASC.

If you're in an around Bromley on Sat 31<sup>st</sup> July, pop in to show some moral support and please do share the link to his fundraising page through Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/brian.whittle.1466>

Bromley Ambulance Station, Crown Lane, Bromley BR2 9PW

He'll also be live streaming the 24 hour Saxathon so keep an eye on his Facebook page.

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