

INFORMATION PACK

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Children's

RAIL TRAIL

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THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TAKING PART IN OUR RAIL TRAIL, HELPING CHILDREN WHO FIND THEMSELVES VULNERABLE AND ALONE ON STATIONS AND STREETS AROUND THE UK, INDIA AND TANZANIA.

WE'RE DELIGHTED THAT THE 2025 ROUTE WILL FOLLOW THE CENTRAL LINE



REGISTERING ON ARRIVAL:

Please come and register at your start point:



The Main Line 52km:

Register at Ealing Broadway Station at 7am, start walking at 7.15am



The Branch Line 20km:

Register at Ealing Broadway Station at 9.30am, start walking at 10am



The Side Line 10km:

Register at Shepherd's Bush Station at 10.30am, start walking at 11am

Look out for our staff and volunteers in their hi vis jackets and Rail Trail T-shirts. You will be sent an email prior to the event with the exact location at the station (check your junk if you do not receive it). If you are struggling to find us, just ask a member of station staff.

You must register your arrival at the event to get your Railway Children Rail Trail T-shirt and pin badge. Each participant must also collect a check in map and fill out the unique word from each station, which you will receive when checking in to each station on the route.

These words will make up a sentence by the last station – completing the sentence will give you a drinks token for our post event reception!

Once everyone is registered, a member of the Railway Children team will tell you all the vital information about the event and also all about the experiences of street-connected children that you are supporting through this event.

Post event celebration:

Once you have completed the walk, you are invited to join us at The Railway Tavern, Liverpool Street. You will then be given a drinks token for a soft drink, or the token can be used towards the cost of an alcoholic drink of choice. Drinks tokens may only be used in the drinks reception, and we are limited to one token per person.



HEALTH AND SAFETY

Check In: You must sign both in and out of the event at the registration and end points. Anyone who has not signed back in may be contacted by the events team.

Medical: If you have any concerns about taking part in the walk, please consult your GP prior to the event and only walk if you are physically able to. First Aid personnel will be available on the day. If there is a medical/safety emergency, please call 999.

The Route: This is a self-led event. There are no marshals on this walk, but we do have volunteers at some stations. There are way-marking arrows and kilometre markers throughout the route to help you find your way. If at any point you lose your way, make your way to the nearest tube station to get you back on track with the stations outlined on your map.

We have staff members as back-markers for the event, sweeping up our way-markers and posters. Please note, if you choose to leave the route for refreshments/toilets etc, and you end up behind the back markers, some of these items may not be visible.

If you stop for a prolonged period of time, we recommend getting a tube to the next station on your route map to help you catch up and stay ahead of the back-markers.

Go in and out the same door of each station, look for arrows.

If you have any concerns during the event in relation to the route, or your safety, please contact Railway Children on the number on your map.





HEALTH AND SAFETY

Refreshments: Please bring enough water for you to complete the walk, we recommend at least 1.5 litres. As we are walking through central London, there will be plenty of opportunities along the route for you to get refreshments as required.

There is a strict no alcohol rule during this event. This includes bringing any of your own alcohol, consuming alcohol or being intoxicated at the event. Anyone breaking this rule, may be asked to leave the event.

Please ensure any rubbish is put in suitable bins along the route.

Toilets: There are no designated toilets en route however, there are public toilets throughout the route. You can find your nearest toilets whilst on the route [here](#).

Headphones: For safety reasons we recommend that you don't use headphones as this restricts your ability to hear traffic and other walkers.

Valuables: We recommend that you don't bring valuables with you. If you do, please keep them with you at all times. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer bag storage. Railway Children cannot accept responsibility for any lost valuables during this event.

Safety Notes: Please walk alongside other people wherever possible. Normal road safety rules apply. Please stay on the footpaths and take care crossing the roads, using designated road crossing where possible. Wear sensible shoes and clothing for a walk and stay hydrated throughout the event.

If you have any questions ahead of the walk, please contact us events@railwaychildren.org.uk





REACHING YOUR FUNDRAISING TARGET

Through registering for this event, you pledged a minimum individual fundraising target of **£350**, with your fundraising page being automatically set up on the **'Enthuse' platform**.

This is the easiest way to reach your fundraising target and all donations made through your fundraising page will come directly to the charity and will go towards your fundraising target. You can easily add offline donations to your page too.

Here's some tips to help you reach your fundraising target and beyond!

- Tell anyone and everyone! Social media is one of the best ways to tell people about your fundraiser. Share pictures of you in your event T-shirt, at the stations and selfies with our selfie frames available at various stations along the route. Don't forget all those WhatsApp groups you're part of too!
- Use the hashtag #railtrail and remember to include a link to your online donations page.
- After the event: Did you know that 20% of fundraising comes in after an event? So, share how you did, what taking part meant to you and how it has affected how you feel. You'll be amazed at how many extra donations come in! Fundraising pages will be open for four weeks after the event.
- Don't forget to ask your donors to Gift Aid, this adds 25p onto every £1 they give at no extra cost to you or your donor (gift aid does not count to your fundraising target, its an added bonus!)



THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The money you raise from taking part in this event can help children like Darcy, who ran away from home after arguments turned into fights and she felt as though she was part of the problem.

Or Anuj who is from a low-income family and unbeknown to his family, aged 14 set off in search for work to try and help.

Or Kanoni who was only nine years old when she was found living on the street. As she grew up, her only means of survival became sex work.



£100

could pay for four hours of one-to one support for a vulnerable child in the UK when they need it most.



£235

could pay for a child welfare officer in India to work for one month tracing families, helping reunite children and then doing follow up work to make sure they stay safe for the long term.



£500

could pay for an outreach worker in Tanzania to search the streets and bus stations for a month looking for and protecting children at risk.



For any questions or queries regarding this event, please email events@railwaychildren.org.uk

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR RAIL TRAIL WHICH WILL HELP US
CONTINUE TO REACH AND PROTECT VULNERABLE STREET CONNECTED CHILDREN
FOUND ON THE TRANSPORT NETWORKS IN TANZANIA, INDIA AND THE UK**

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Wherever possible we gained consent of the children pictured in accordance with our child protection policy. Names have been changed and models used to protect identities. Your donations will transform the lives of children in Tanzania, India and the UK - wherever the need is greatest.

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No child lost to the streets