

PARTNERSHIPS WITH TLG

TLG **early**
intervention

Getting started

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**One coach, one child,
one hour a week**

From Aberdeen to Truro, from Belfast to Deal, TLG is equipping and mobilising the UK church to meet the needs of children and young people struggling with their emotional wellbeing through Early Intervention coaching.

Research has found that relationship with one trusted adult during childhood can mitigate the impacts of ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) on mental and physical wellbeing. We partner with churches just like yours to train and resource a team of volunteers to provide one to one, therapeutic, coaching for primary and secondary school aged children.

Each week the volunteer goes into school for one hour and creates a safe space for their coached child to build connection, play, and explore their emotions.

Through the Early Intervention programme, churches, schools and families are seeing children and young people become more confident, enthusiastic and excited about school and the future.

Since the programme launched, we've seen over 110,000 coaching sessions take place, having a tremendous impact on children across the UK.

91%

of children feel more hopeful about the future because of their TLG coaching.

90%

of children show an improvement at school and home.

By joining the growing number of churches offering TLG Early Intervention, your church will:

- join a **national movement of churches** transforming their communities
- build connections with those in need of **practical and emotional support** in your local area
- have the confidence and understanding to **support those affected by trauma** and create safe spaces for **children who are struggling to feel valued, supported and accepted**
- receive all of **TLG's unique therapeutic resources**, including access to new resources on a termly basis
- be equipped with ongoing, **bespoke support and full expert training** for your coordinator and coaching team from TLG and your Church Relationship Lead
- be given access to '**Coaching Village**', our bespoke online system
- be inspired with new ways to **connect families into wider church life**, including support to run your own **Family Faith Fun Day**
- be invited to inspirational **TLG events**, including free places at our national conference and forums for all coordinators and coaches.



Exploring a partnership with TLG

If you're keen to get involved, it's really important that the leadership team of your church are invited to explore the potential of the Early Intervention programme.

Our Church Partnerships team would love to begin a conversation with your church leader or leadership team and can answer any questions you might have.

At this stage, TLG will support you to:

- Talk to us about working in partnership and ask any questions that you might have
- Encourage your church leadership team to dream about the difference you could make
- Begin initial conversations with local schools in order to gauge interest

To start the conversation and to find out more, call our team today on **01274 900377**

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It's been so exciting to see our Early Intervention volunteers connecting with families in the local community where we had no previous ties. We couldn't have done this without the expertise TLG brings.

- George Hawkins,
Senior Minister, Beeston Free Church, Nottingham

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Partnership with TLG has given us a new lease of life in our ministry to local schools. It's opened opportunities to not just build relationships with schools but with individual children and families.

- Lindsay Melliush, Senior Pastor,
London

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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 achieve that vision by making it so easy for volunteers in our church to help some of the most vulnerable children in our community.

- Simon Benham, Senior Pastor, Kerith Community Church, Bracknell

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Partner

Once you've decided to go ahead, we'll work closely with you to train up and support your coordinator.

Your coordinator is someone from within your church who can lead the Early Intervention team, as well as being the main contact with the school and with TLG.

At this stage, TLG will support you to:

- Sign and return the TLG Partnership Agreement to us
- Choose your coordinator and refer them to TLG to begin the application process
- Book the coordinator in for training
- Begin recruiting volunteers in your church. We recommend starting with a minimum of three in your team
- Confirm your partner school(s)

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Both of these children had been excluded prior to the introduction of the Early Intervention programme but since engaging with TLG the behaviours they displayed have all but disappeared and they have not been excluded since.

- Head Teacher, Aberdeen

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TLG Early Intervention is a no-brainer. The therapeutic interventions have allowed us to meet needs that I would not be able to afford to meet otherwise.

- School Principle, Belfast

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This is possibly the only hour this boy is actively listened to on a one to one basis.

- Deputy Head Teacher, Manchester

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Prepare

The newly-trained coordinator, having recruited volunteers from within the church, will book the team on to one of our online initial training days.

During this day, we will equip each volunteer with resources that will enable them to plan and deliver engaging coaching sessions to a primary or secondary school aged child. Plus, your team will receive up-to-date training on safeguarding, effective coaching approaches and measuring your impact.

As an official partner, you will have unique access to our coaching resources, written by experts specifically for TLG. All partners have access to Coaching Village, our bespoke online system where you'll be able to see the difference you're making and will also receive a new resource every term.

At this stage, TLG will support you to:

- Book your volunteers on to one of our initial coach training days
- Arrange a start date with your partner school and plan next steps

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There's such a huge impact in such a small way. For me it's about building relationships with a family you might not otherwise meet. Being a coach has reminded me to just step out in faith and God will honour that 100 times more. If God's placing it on your heart, don't consider it, just do it!

- Julieanne, Coach,
Southampton

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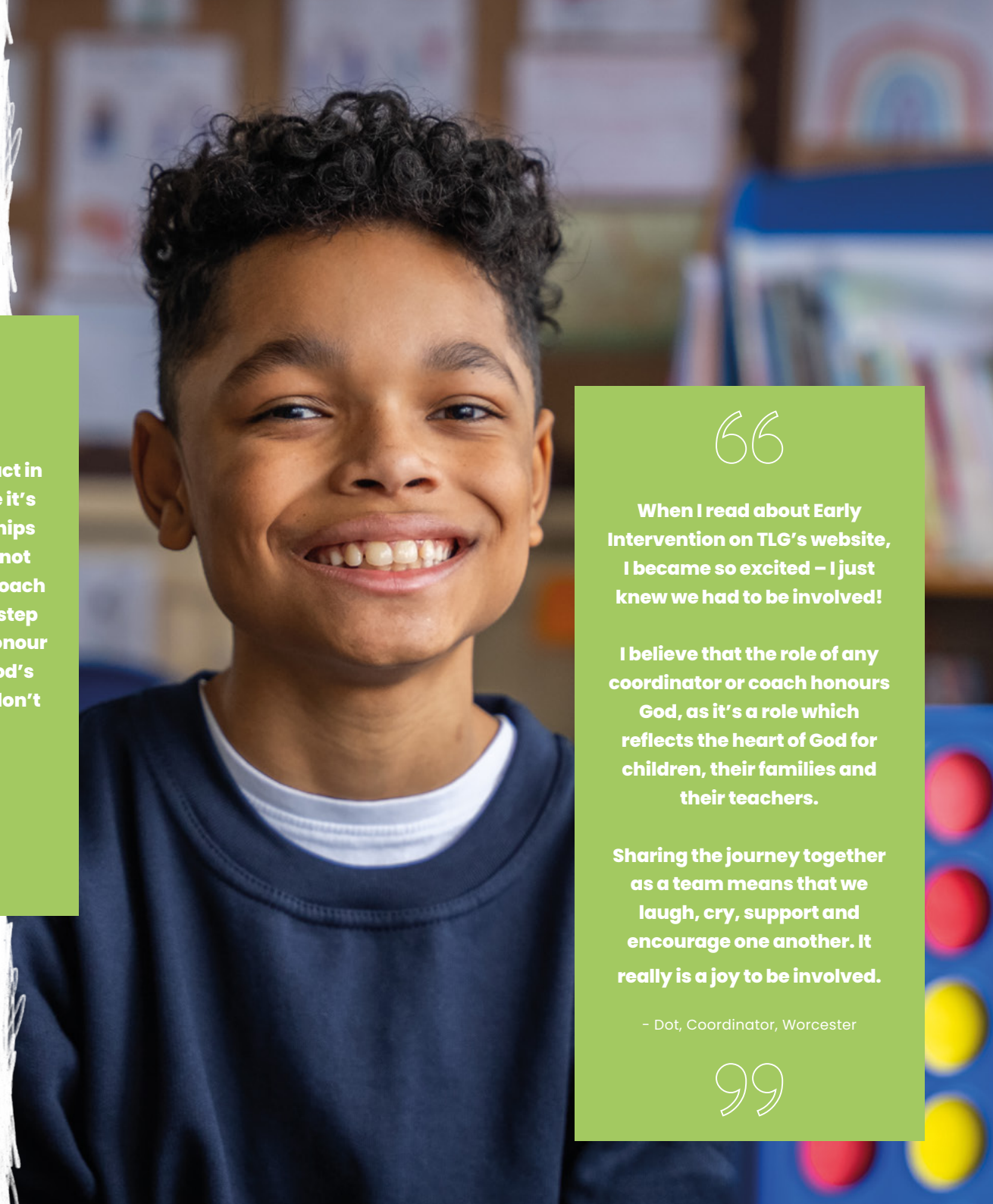
When I read about Early Intervention on TLG's website, I became so excited – I just knew we had to be involved!

I believe that the role of any coordinator or coach honours God, as it's a role which reflects the heart of God for children, their families and their teachers.

Sharing the journey together as a team means that we laugh, cry, support and encourage one another. It really is a joy to be involved.

- Dot, Coordinator, Worcester

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Launch

Once your team is trained and each coach is matched with a child, the coaching can begin!

At the start of the programme the coach will be introduced to the child's teacher and family. This is a great time for the church to support the coaches by praying for the children, their families and the school.

To celebrate your new ministry, a member of TLG's engaging speaker team will come to inspire your church and rally the congregation behind the cause for struggling children.

At this stage, TLG will support you to:

- Book a TLG speaker to come and launch the programme in your church
- The coordinator receives support from a TLG Church Relationship Lead to guide them through the set-up of Early Intervention in your community
- The coordinator keeps in touch with the team of coaches to find out how they're getting on and provide support
- Each coach finds a prayer partner to support them as they reach out to the child and family

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Through coaching, I started to feel differently, I would feel happier. Just being able to talk about my feelings felt really good and it was improving my mental state.

- Ollie, coached child, Belfast

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Coaching is a safe space where you can talk to someone and express your feelings. We did some fun activities, but each activity was related to something that would help me to cope.

- Karis, coached child, Catford

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Grow

We really want to help volunteers make a long and lasting impact.

We're serious about building great partnerships with the local church to make this kind of outreach work easier, more sustainable and have more impact.

As an official TLG partner church, you'll have access to:

- Ongoing support and encouragement for your coordinators from one of our TLG Regional Leaders
- A termly, regional training forum for your church's coordinator to network with other volunteers and grow in leadership
- Places for your whole team at Connected, TLG's national yearly conference – an exciting opportunity to unite with other volunteers across the UK plus receive further training and resources

TLG supports our Partner Churches to run local Family Faith Fun Days once a year – a wonderful way to plan an event that is inclusive and welcoming for your Early Intervention families and wider church and community.



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Jo, my daughter's coach, is an angel. With her, our lives have totally turned around. We went to a TLG Family Faith Fun Day and it changed my life. I came away from the event 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.

- Emma, Parent, Bradford

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Costs

At TLG, we're passionate about making sure churches can bring transformation to their communities.

TLG covers 50% of the overall cost of TLG Early Intervention but we do ask you to contribute the other half. So, what does it cost to get going?

Training - £600 one-off payment

This one-off cost covers the initial and ongoing training of a coordinator and their volunteer coaches throughout the course of your partnership with TLG. Our training will inspire volunteers and equip them with all the resources and help they need to really make a difference.

Partnership Subscription

- £90 per month

To make a lasting impact in the lives of children, young people and their families, we know that this takes long-term engagement and support. A monthly partnership subscription allows TLG to provide one-to-one support in the form of catch-up calls, forums and ongoing training. In many cases, schools may be able to contribute to the programme costs, making it even easier for you to join the TLG family.

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I love how the children I have coached all look forward to their coaching sessions. The feedback from the school is that our coaching time is making a real difference - I am sure it is the grace of God at work through us.

- Andy, Coach, Tonbridge

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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.



You can call us on **01274 900377** or just drop us an email at partnerships@tlg.org.uk



Visit www.tlg.org.uk/your-church to explore the options further.





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