



**TLG** early  
intervention

# Getting Started

WITH TLG EARLY INTERVENTION

# TLG Early Intervention:

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.

We partner with churches just like yours to train and resource a team of volunteers to coach primary and secondary school aged children with a therapeutic approach.

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.

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**My biggest achievement is managing my emotions better. My coach, Beth, has been a star to me!**

- Mason, aged 11, Dundee

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91%

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

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of children show an improvement at school and home.



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In my coaching sessions, I can share those bad feelings and bad feelings with my coach Miriam and get them off my chest. When we check into a session we do an emotions game, where you pick a colour for what you're feeling today. Normally, I pick yellow for happy because I'm always excited to meet with my coach!

- Taiya, aged 10, Wigan

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## Explore:

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.

## Things to do...

- 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

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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 bring.

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

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## What church leaders say...

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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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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, St Paul's Ealing

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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.



## Things to do....

- 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 3 in your team
- Confirm your partner school

## What schools say...

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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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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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# Prepare

The newly-trained coordinator, having recruited a team of volunteers from within the church, will book the team on to one of our regional 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.



## Things to do....

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

## What coordinators say...

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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.



## Things to do....

- Book a TLG speaker to come and launch the programme in your church
- The coordinator receives support from a TLG Regional Leader 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

## What coaches say...



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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!

- Julianne, Coach,  
Southampton

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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.



## What parents say...

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Jo, my daughter's coach, is an angel. With her, our lives have totally turned around. I went on a TLG Family Faith Adventure Weekend and it changed my life. I came away from the weekend 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

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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?

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## 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.

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## Partnership Subscription - £75 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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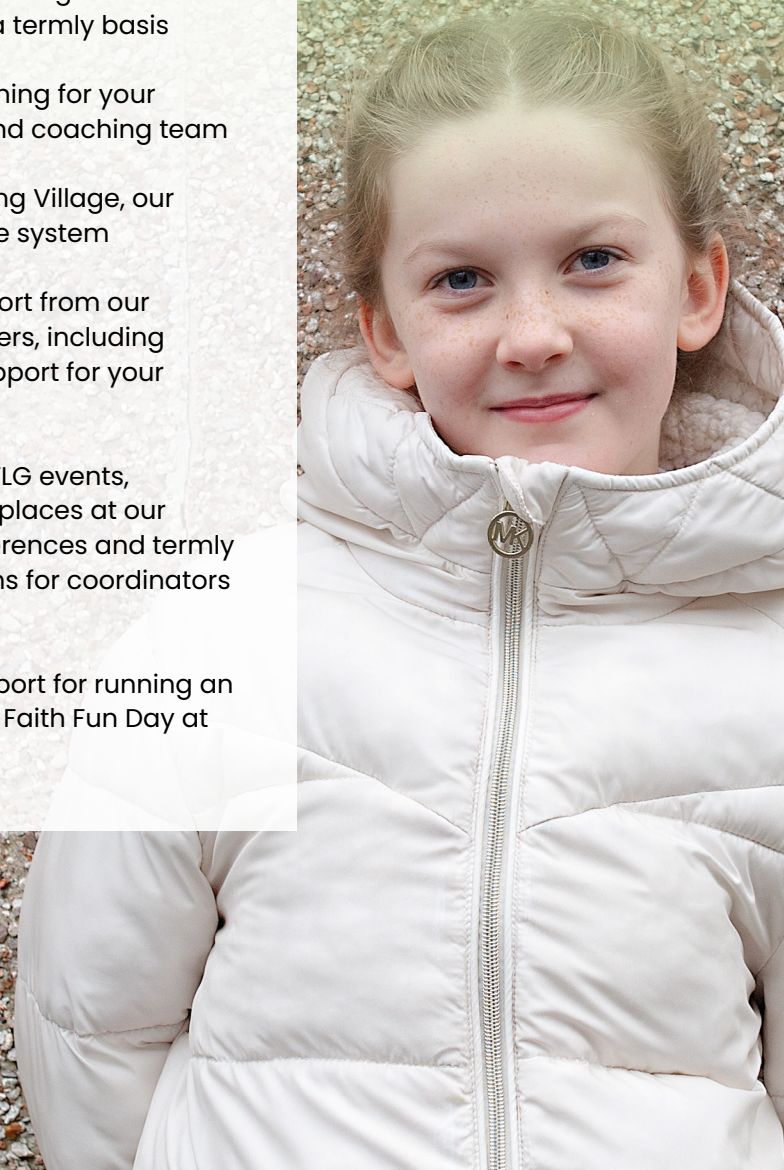
I love how the children I have coached all look forward to their coaching sessions. The feedback from the school is that our coaching time is making a real difference – I am sure it is the grace of God at work through us.

– Andy, Coach, Tonbridge

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# What a partnership with TLG offers you..

- Access to all of TLG's unique resources, including new resources on a termly basis
- Full expert training for your coordinator and coaching team
- Use of Coaching Village, our bespoke online system
- Ongoing support from our Regional Leaders, including one to one support for your coordinator
- Invitations to TLG events, including free places at our national conferences and termly regional forums for coordinators and coaches
- Access to support for running an annual Family Faith Fun Day at your church





# Partnering with TLG: your next steps...

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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**



Alternatively, visit **tlg.org.uk/your-church** to explore the options further.



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