



## Volunteers Newsletter — Summer 2018

### Corporate charitable contributions

**Trox Ltd**, based in Hazel Grove, Stockport are a leading global supplier of safety and condition monitoring equipment to hazardous industries and rail markets. Each year Trolex choose a local charity to support for a period of two years. The charity chosen receives all proceeds Trolex raise through company charitable activities and events such as; dress down Fridays, themed breakfasts and lunches. **We are thrilled to say the staff at Trolex have chosen TFSC to be a designated charity for the next two years!**

**TROLEX**  
Manufacturers of  
Sensors and Systems  
for Hazardous Area Safety

On behalf of the charity, Beverley Hoyle joined Trolex staff and directors at their 'St Georges Day Breakfast' fundraising event in April. The company directors cooked eggs, bacon and veggie sausages for all the staff. Beverley was given the opportunity to talk to the staff and directors about the great work of TFSC volunteer drivers, trustees, and staff in supporting families with sick children. Beverley said *"It is great that the charity has begun this excellent relationship with a socially responsible local business their support will directly benefit the children in the local community."* and *"it was tough going eating all that breakfast but someone had to do it!"*

Everyone who attended the breakfast was invited to make a donation. All the Trolex staff were incredibly supportive of TFSC, a huge thank you to them for their support and warm welcome.

If your company or any you might know of have similar schemes or would like to support TFSC please speak to Beverley in the office.



### Trip Activity

The charity is delighted to inform you that in the first four months of this year our TFSC volunteer drivers have taken **581 children** on **1727 trips** to hospitals and clinics driving **36,157 miles** in the process. 

### Volunteer Driver Updates & Requests

**Summer Availability**, drivers please remember to let the Transport Organiser know if you will be away on holiday over the summer period.

**New fuel reimbursement rate**, from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 the rate of reimbursement for fuel expenses increased to 42 pence per mile in line with national recommendations. It has been 41p for the past 10 years! Please note, the rate does include an amount for general wear and tear of the vehicle.

**Monthly Expense Claims**, drivers please ensure you submit any expenses by the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month, this is very important for the charity to accurately anticipate monthly expenditure.

**Mileage forms**, please please please send these in! Even if you are kindly and generously donating the cost of the fuel, we still need to know what trips have taken place for CCG reporting purposes. This reporting accurately demonstrates just how valuable the charity's service is for transporting children. Many thanks for your cooperation.



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### Parking at Royal Manchester Children's Hospital

A written submission has been sent to the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital outlining the problems that our drivers are having finding adequate and appropriate parking facilities. TFSC has partnered up with MACC to try to address problems experienced by all volunteers at the site; MACC represents a network of volunteering organisations, many who deliver services at the hospital site.



### Volunteering Opportunities

TFSC are looking for volunteer drivers specifically in the **Bolton** area. If you might know of anyone with excellent skills in driving, caring and communication please do let us know or put them in touch with the office.

### New GDPR rules

TFSC have been taking advice on the new **General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)** which will **come into force on May 25<sup>th</sup> 2018**. The new rules being implemented around the protection of private data is an update to the original act in 1995. The current act was implemented before the universal use of the internet when there was little communication or data storage by e-mail, social media or the internet. All UK organisations, and all organisations that they work with, are subject to the new regulations. Under the new rules individuals will have enhanced rights over any of their details that are processed data or photos, whether they are paper based, held on computers, CCTV footage or held on filing systems

**Very importantly**, all information held on individuals must be 'lawfully kept for legitimate purpose', it must be accurate and up-to-date; all information must be securely held, and it **cannot be transferred** to a third party.

The new regulations are designed to protect individuals and their rights on information which is kept on them.

The major change is that '**consent cannot be assumed**' – it must be given.

All organisations that keep information on individuals are subject to the new regulations – including Transport for Sick Children. Rest assured the charity have been seeking advice on this to ensure we are compliant.

### Buengo—online charity shop!

TFSC has signed up to **Buengo** an online charity shop created to help buyers and sellers interact with the common aim of supporting a good cause.

Sellers can sell things they no longer need and donate the proceeds to a cause of their choice. They simply have to post the items they have for sale and choose an existing campaign to support (such as TFSC) or start their own. When someone buys something, they pay via Buengo's app and the money gets transferred directly to the cause. **SIMPLE!**

As a seller it's a great way to declutter and contribute to a charitable cause without being out of pocket, as a buyer you get great deals and help those who need it most. **Buengo** will be launching in Manchester at the end of May and Transport for Sick Children are one of the charities that seller can choose to donate to. If you have any unwanted items – why not give the **Buengo** a go and donate to TFSC!

**Buengo**  
sell it for good



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### Festival of Ageing

Watch out for the **Festival of Ageing 2018** which being held across Greater Manchester between 2<sup>nd</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018. First of its kind, this festival aims to promote a more positive view of ageing. There are 907,000 older people in Greater Manchester and this will rise in the next 20 years.

The festival will offer a range of events and activities over the fortnight, beginning with a launch in Manchester city centre on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July and a final event in the city centre on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July.



### **THERE ARE LOTS OF SMALLER NEIGHBOURHOOD EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES ACROSS THE WHOLE OF GREATER MANCHESTER**

The main festival events taking place in seven towns across the festival fortnight have just been confirmed as follows:

Bolton – town centre – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July  
Bury – town centre – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July  
Wigan – DW Stadium – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
Oldham – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July  
Salford Quays - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July  
Tameside – Ashton town centre – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July  
Rochdale – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Keep an eye out for lots of interesting things to do and events to attend, it is hoped the festival will continue and grow over the years and reflect the same success as the Manchester International Festival.

If any of you have a 'talent' that you would like to take to the festival or want to volunteer – the organisers would be delighted to hear from you.

Information can be found here:

[www.ambitionforageing.org.uk/festival](http://www.ambitionforageing.org.uk/festival)



@FestivalOfAgeing



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### Manchester Carers Network

The Carer's Network was formed to provide support for anyone looking after a sick or disabled person or child. The network can help with advice and support, should any of the charity's volunteers feel that a family would benefit from further help, more information can be found on their website:

[www.manchestercarersnetwork.org.uk](http://www.manchestercarersnetwork.org.uk)

### Being There Charity

'Being There' is a small charity providing emotional support and home-based practical help to people with cancer and other life-limiting illnesses, and those closest to them, such as our children's family and carers. They have supporting services in **Manchester, Trafford, Salford and Tameside**.

Being There offer someone to talk to confidentially about having cancer or another life limiting illness, along with home visits, social events and practical assistance, for example help with shopping and support at hospital appointments.

Their services are delivered by specially trained volunteers who are managed by a team of professional staff. If you know a family who may benefit from this service further information can be found at:

[www.beingthere.org.uk](http://www.beingthere.org.uk) or telephone: 0845 123 2329