

## The power to change

An industry charity with industry power



# Practical Participation Programme

Change a life through volunteering time, equipment and materials

# About the Electrical Industries Charity (EIC)

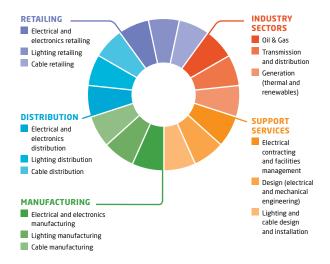
#### An industry charity for industry people

The Electrical Industries Charity is a national charity with an ongoing mission to look after our community.

> We do this by providing financial grants and practical support services to individuals in need

Our community model of care means we are looking out for apprentices, employees, retired colleagues AND their immediate families. We can help regardless of age, circumstances or health.

## What are electrical industries?



The Electrical Industries Charity (EIC) offers four programmes that lead to more productive, more supportive workplaces.

#### These programmes are:



## Practical Participation Programme (PPP)

Our invaluable stakeholders within the electrical industries are perfectly placed to support this initiative. The Practical Participation Programme harnesses your specialist skills in terms of time, equipment and materials – providing practical help where it is needed most.

You will work alongside the EIC (and our leading charity partners) in solving, or contributing to solutions, for those in desperate need of your help. Once you have registered as a PPP partner we will approach you on an as-needed basis to ask for your assistance.

We would also value your involvement in our Regional Committees; and co-ordination of challenge and fundraising activities in your workplace.

# When will we ask for your participation?

Some of our clients have insufficient heating; or issues with electrical or energy systems, thermostats and essential appliances or fittings.

Our complex case management often involves small-scale building rectification or modification works, often related to disability access.

In certain circumstances we take on fundraising challenges for a specific cause. Practical assistance in terms of materials, skills and equipment can go a long way to delivering large-scale solutions.

Subscription to the programme is free of charge and contributions are on a case-by-case basis. Participating organisations are invited to advertise their association with the EIC and able to discuss their involvement in specific cases with permission from the EIC and respect at all times for client confidentiality.

# Strong partnerships

As a partner of the EIC you will be making a significant contribution to improving lives for apprentices, employees and their families, right through to retired colleagues.

As a registered charity the Electrical Industries Charity can also accept corporate donations as voluntary contributions. Corporate donations are a pre-tax deduction from profit, thereby making the Electrical Industries Charity very tax efficient too.

## A win-win-win formula

Because our purpose is helping people, not making a profit, we can boost your business's reputation for corporate social responsibility.

We partner with some of the UK's leading electrical, electronics and energy firms.

### YES, I want to Participate

#### Your assets make a HUGE difference!

- Electrical supplies
- > Building materials
- > Heating equipment
- > Tools and equipment for apprentices

#### YES, I want to Volunteer

#### Your skills create special homes!

- > Installation
- Modification
- > Project management
- > Mentors for apprentices

We believe that for every opportunity to give someone in need a hand-up there is a solution...

#### Opportunity to assist a 14 year old with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy

**PPP SOLUTION:** We helped purchase a specialised powerchair (£24k) AND landscape the garden to make it wheelchair friendly.

#### Opportunity to assist a family in critical need

PPP SOLUTION: "Even though I could do much of the electrical work, remodelling our home so our family could care for our seriously ill baby would not have been possible without the EIC." Under the Practical Participation

Programme CEF provided over £7000 of materials.

# Why saying YES is so important...

There are so many ways to say thank you, but none of them will express how we really feel. When Max was born so premature we were uncertain if he would survive. To then be told that Max would never walk, talk and would be confined to a wheelchair brought a whole roller coaster of emotions. Having a disabled child is like being very lost in a world you have never been in before.

As a mum I felt so helpless, scared and worried for Max and I just wanted to wrap him up in cotton wool and protect him from everyone. After fighting for the last six years for help getting Max everything he needs to move forward and support him in our world, we have become a family that is used to being told NO. Most of the time we feel every day is a fight.

So when someone like The Electrical Industries Charity & Edmundson Electrical say YES all the locked up emotions suddenly come flooding out. We didn't stop crying for a whole week – someone actually wants to help us. You will never know or understand how much this means to us and you have suddenly made our lives a whole lot easier and for that we are truly grateful.

Having the electrical equipment Edmundson's have supplied for Max is fantastic. I would not have known where to start. It has worked really well between the electrician & Edmundson's.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

# SUPPORT YOUR EIC

We value your involvement with us...

- > Sign up to our free workplace programmes
- Request an EIC fundraising pack and do something amazing to raise funds
- > Coordinate a team challenge
- ➤ Join in or coordinate an EIC sporting challenge. Get active for a cause with loads of events to choose from
- > Join an EIC Regional Committee
- > Attend regional events
- ➤ Make a mobile phone donation right now text POWRO1 £10 to 70070
- ➤ Play powerLottery the odds of winning are better than the National Lottery



For more information email **business@electricalcharity.org** or visit **www.electricalcharity.org** 

The Electrical Industries Charity is the national charity for the electrical and energy industries

# Providing a hand-up when and where it is needed

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