

Gearing up for 365km for Railway Children

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Volunteers from eight rail organisations are riding 365km over three days to help protect some of the most vulnerable children in the world.

Ride the Route starts on Thursday (September 7th) and is an annual charity bike ride set up to follow the route of the East Coast Mainline (ECM).

The teams are made up of representatives from several organisations on the East Coast Digital Programme (ECDP) raising funds for **Railway Children** charity.

2022 saw the successful completion of the first ride (from York to London) with this year expected to be an even bigger success going from Edinburgh to York.

A spokesperson for the event said: "Our industry as a collective supports the Railway Children in many ways. Inspired by the fantastic support the sector gives through the annual Three Peaks by Rail, as well as hosting the Railway Ball, the organisations involved set out to create a new annual endurance event to epitomise the industry's collaboration and tenacity.

"They wanted to harness the amazing spirit of the ECDP family to do even more good outside of the programme. The ride was proposed not just as a one-off but as an annual undertaking that brings our industry together in a new way."

Key statistics

Day 1: 139.87km / 1505m ascent / 1513m descent

Day 2: 122.83km / 1246m ascent / 1248m descent

Day 3: 103.41km / 481m ascent / 530m descent

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