

Railway Benefit Fund need help to reach its £50,000 target for Railway Family Week

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Last week the Railway Benefit Fund (RBF) held its first 'Railway Family Week' – a week-long fundraising event bringing together the Railway Family in support of colleagues in need.

Railway Family Week, from 26 April to 2 May, featured a range of exciting fundraising events and reached 87 per cent of its £50,000 target. The RBF need just over £6,000 to reach their target- can you help?

Bid to travel aboard HydroFLEX

After the success of their Auction of Experiences, which raised £19,400, the RBF have launched a new auction with a very special prize. They are offering up to 10 people a trip aboard HydroFLEX, Britain's first hydrogen powered train.

The HydroFLEX project is a ground-breaking partnership between the Birmingham Centre for Railway Research and Education and railway rolling stock company, Porterbrook. A UK first, it demonstrates how hydrogen could be deployed across the rail network to offer a cleaner alternative to current diesel trains.

This auction is open for another week. Bids can be made here:

<https://go.eventgroovefundraising.com/hydroflex/Auction>

The difference your donation could make

The Railway Benefit Fund solely supports rail workers (present, former and current) and their families. All monies raised during Railway Family Week will help those struggling during tough times.

Donating just £18.58 towards Railway Family Week could fund the weekly cost of travelling to and from hospital appointments, or the cost of running our advice line for an hour. £185.80 could fund car repairs to ensure there is transport for school and work, an emergency grant to feed a family through the weekend until pay day, or school uniform for a family struggling to cover costs.

Claire Houghton, CEO at the Railway Benefit Fund, said “We have been overwhelmed by the support for our first ever Railway Family Week – we are so near our target we just need that last push to get us over the line. It’s been such a tough year for the rail industry and the charity sector and this is just the boost we need to support those struggling as the effects of the pandemic continue.”

Can you help the RBF reach their target? Donate via the Railway Family Week JustGiving Page:

www.justgiving.com/campaign/RailwayFamilyWeek

Or via their website: www.railwaybenefitfund.org.uk/shop/