

## Turner & Townsend and Mace Dragados join as partner sponsors for the inaugural Advance TRS Golf Day for Rail Aid

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Turner & Townsend and Mace Dragados have been confirmed as partner sponsors for the first ever Advance TRS Golf Day for Rail Aid.

Railway Children and Advance TRS have teamed up to create the first annual Charity Golf Day at Belfry Hotel and Resort on Wednesday, October 20. The event will bring together rail industry leaders for some healthy competition, networking and most importantly to raise money for the Rail Aid campaign.

As the world starts to recover COVID-19, its aftermath is pushing more children than ever into dangerous situations and causing an increase in isolation, trafficking, grooming, starvation and abuse. Extra stress on families already at breaking point became unbearable during the pandemic, making young people even more vulnerable to grooming, exploitation by drugs gangs and mental health trauma.

Advance TRS Founder and Managing Director, Andy Ridout, said: "As a long-time supporter of Railway Children and having visited some of their projects, I have seen first-hand the impact intervention from the

charity can have on children's lives.

"I wanted to bring industry leaders together in a way that was safe, fun and could raise a substantial amount of money for the charity. All proceeds from the golf day go directly to Rail Aid and to helping children in need."

Teams will play the Ryder Cup Brabazon Course at the Belfry followed by a three-course networking dinner, keynote speaker and a silent auction draw for RailAid.

The event has already seen incredible support from the industry with confirmed attendees including Aecom, Telent, Thales, Lowery and JCDecaux UK.

Mark Thurston, CEO of HS2, is also supporting the event and will be attending the day. He said: "The RailAid campaign and the work of Railway Children has our full support at HS2 and I look forward to supporting the golf day.

"With the industry coming together to support Rail Aid, I'm sure it will be a fantastic day raising money and awareness."

There are still plenty of opportunities to get involved with the day by sponsoring the event. Sponsorship options start from £1,000 and range from sponsoring a hole to beat the pro, longest drive, nearest the pin, drinks reception sponsor or sponsoring merchandise for the golfers.

Dave Ellis, Railway Children Corporate Partnerships Manager, said: "We intend for this golf day in support of Rail Aid to be an annual event which will grow with every year running. Attending the first of these prestigious events as a guest or sponsor will not only mean you are directly supporting some of the world's most vulnerable children, but will also give you a taste of what our future golf days will be like."

If you are interested in supporting the event, contact Ella Gardiner at Advance TRS on 01483 361061, or email [marketing@advance-trs.com](mailto:marketing@advance-trs.com)