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## National Grid Hinckley does "something funny for money"

National Grid staff in Hinckley will be joining in the fun and games this week as Comic Relief celebrates 30 years of fundraising.

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So far, the celebrity driven charity has raised £950 million in the UK. But it's mainly the public that brings in the money.

And National Grid has played a big role in adding to those coffers. National Grid Hinckley has been an ardent supporter of Comic Relief – and many other charities – for a number of years.

Tanya Upton, National Grid organiser, said: "We've long supported Comic Relief, and have done so with lots of enthusiasm. Every year our charity events have become bigger and better – and this year will be no exception. Once again our caring team have thrown themselves into the challenge."

On Friday (13 March) employees at National Grid Hinckley will be doing something "funny for money" in the canteen and throughout departments. There's a pitch and putt challenge, table top pool, quizzes, sweepstakes, and face-painting. And, to capture all the magic there will be a professional photo-booth.

Healthy smoothies are on offer, and can even be served at people's desks.

Last year National Grid Hinckley raised more than £2,300 and intends to smash that sum this year.

National Grid will match the money raised on Friday (13 March) by each member of staff, helping to increase the total for Comic Relief.

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#### National Grid in the UK:

- We own and operate the electricity transmission network in England and Wales, with day-to-day responsibility for balancing supply and demand. We also operate, but do not own, the Scottish networks. Our networks comprise approximately 7,200 kilometres (4,474 miles) of overhead line, 1,500 kilometres (932 miles) of underground cable and 342 substations.
- We own and operate the gas National Transmission System in Great Britain, with day-to-day responsibility for balancing supply and demand. Our network comprises approximately 7,660 kilometres (4,760 miles) of high-pressure pipe and 618 above-ground installations.
- As Great Britain's System Operator (SO) we make sure gas and electricity is transported safely and efficiently from where it is produced to where it is consumed. From April 2019, Electricity System Operator (ESO) is a new standalone business within National Grid, legally separate from all other parts of the National Grid Group. This will provide the right environment to deliver a balanced and impartial ESO that can realise real benefits for consumers as we transition to a more decentralised, decarbonised electricity system.
- Other UK activities mainly relate to businesses operating in competitive markets outside of our core regulated businesses; including interconnectors, gas metering activities and a liquefied natural gas (LNG) importation terminal – all of which are now part of National Grid Ventures. National Grid Property is responsible for the management, clean-up and disposal of surplus sites in the UK. Most of these are former gas works.

Find out more about the energy challenge and how National Grid is helping find solutions to some of the challenges we face at <https://www.nationalgrid.com/group/news>

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