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## More than 10,000 set to support huge 'Lark in the Park' fund raiser for charity

6,000 local children, enough to fill The Royal Albert Hall, will join in on 6 July 2018

### **Release: immediate**

More than 10,000 local primary schoolchildren, mums and dads and school staff across west London and Slough are set to get behind the first 'Lark in the Park,' a huge, open air fund raising event to raise money for charity.

The aim of the first event taking place on 6 July is to raise at least £10,000 for Save The Children with the ultimate goal of fully funding a primary school in the developing world.

The event is being organised by The Park Federation which runs eight schools in the boroughs of Hillingdon and Slough including: Cranford Park Academy (Hayes), James Elliman Academy (Slough), Lake Farm Park Academy (Hayes), Montem Academy (Slough), The Godolphin Junior Academy (Slough), West Drayton Academy (West Drayton), Western House Academy (Slough) and Wood End Park Academy (Hayes).

Getting involved will be 6,000 children (enough to fill the Royal Albert Hall), 700 to 800 staff members at the schools and approximately 4,000 mums and dads through on-the-day activities and charitable donations.

Events will include: a Fashion Show, a Cinema Night, Picnics in the Park (end-of-school-day family picnics on the school field in a number of schools), Lunchtime Carnival Discos, a Sponsored Readathon, Mendi patterns (hand and body painting with henna), and a nail bar.

The plan is for this to become an annual event.

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Dr. Martin Young, Chief Executive Officer and Federation Principal of The Park Federation, a Multi-Academy Trust, said: "Our ultimate goal is for The Park Federation to fully fund a primary school in the developing world.

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“We want children, parents and school staff to back the events taking place because we want children at our schools to understand the challenges children in other parts of the world face and to get alongside their global peers and work with them to change the world for the better.

“We will give money to address immediate needs but we want this to start an on-going educational process for our children, we want them to understand how globalisation brings opportunities but challenges too. We want our children to see themselves as equal partners to children in the developing world, not distant benefactors.”

The Federation hopes to use the initiative to begin to build closer links with the developing world and eventually help fund a primary school and then maintain close links with that school.

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