

# Lighthouse

*For a brighter future, free from domestic abuse*



I'm sure you have seen in the media that the need for domestic abuse services has increased dramatically whilst fundraising and financing opportunities have fallen. The Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown has left so many of us desperately wishing we could do more to help.

The 2.6 challenge is your chance to stand beside the children in our refuge and help them raise much needed funds for Lighthouse.

Therefore Lighthouse are inviting you, your organisation and anyone else you can muster to take part in The 2.6 Challenge from Sunday 26 April to help to save the UK's charities.

The organisers of the biggest mass-participation sports events across the country have come together to create a new campaign to raise vital funds to help to save the UK's charities. The 2.6 Challenge will take place from Sunday 26 April – what should have been the date of the 40th London Marathon, the world's biggest one-day annual fundraising event.

The children in our refuge, supported by their mums and Lighthouse staff, will be taking part in a 26 piece obstacle course and we are asking if you will join them by completing an activity of your choice based around the numbers 2.6 or 26 and fundraise or donate to support them via [http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/refugefamilies\\_lighthouse](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/refugefamilies_lighthouse)

The refuge families, together with Lighthouse staff, trustees, volunteers and their families will be taking part in a variety of ways; Jo Bigger, our Service Manager, will be Space Hopping around the refuge garden whilst one of our Welfare Workers will be baking 26 cheese scones. The children are really looking forward to doing their bit to raise some money so any sponsorship of their efforts would be doubly welcome. We'll make sure that the children at refuge are kept up to date with their fundraising total so please do donate if you can as it will boost their spirits no end!

People of all ages are taking in The 2.6 Challenge with a host of activities – from walking, running or cycling 2.6 miles, juggling for 2.6 minutes, to holding online workouts with 26 friends. The ideas and options are endless! The only requirement is that you must follow Government guidelines on exercise and social distancing.



## **Be our fundraising hero and take part in The 2.6 Challenge here are just five simple steps to take:**

1. Dream up your 2.6 challenge – if you need help there are lots of ideas here:

<https://www.twopointsixchallenge.co.uk/>

2. Head to [http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/refugefamilies\\_lighthouse](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/refugefamilies_lighthouse) to make a single donation of £26 (or whatever you can afford) to Lighthouse, or what you raise with your own challenge. Alternatively you can set up your own fundraising page and support Lighthouse.

3. Ask all your friends and family to sponsor you and challenge them to do their own 2.6 Challenge.

4. Complete your challenge.

5. Share a photo or video of your challenge on social media with #TwoPointSixChallenge and tag Lighthouse so we can see your amazing efforts.

**We hope you'll join our families helping families with the national 2.6 Challenge to support Lighthouse and help to save UK's charities.**



#twopointsixchallenge #saveukcharities #lighthousewomensaid