

Gas staff put taste on the back burner in aid of charity

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- **National Grid staff don festive threads for Save the Children**
- **Charity team rounds off a bumper year of giving**
- **Winter woollies fun spells brighter future for youngsters across the world**

Warm-hearted National Grid staff in Hinckley and Leicester put taste on the back burner today (16 December) to give youngsters across the world a brighter future

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And, they chipped in £1 each to show-off their seasonal knitwear.

Many thought the naff Christmas jumper had been consigned to the dustbin of fashion. Now it's a "must-wear" icon, with hundreds of High Street retailers offering outlandish designs.

This year National Grid fund-raisers are helping Save the Children, the chosen charity for the national Christmas Jumper Day.

For the last two years the gas network company has worked closely with Macmillan Cancer Support. It raised more than £600,000 for the charity.

Tanya Hutchinson, a National Grid organiser, said: "Everyone loves Christmas jumper day. It's always fun, and it's amazing what some people find to wear. After a long and successful association with Macmillan this year we're helping Save the Children. Not every child experiences the joy of a trouble free life, and it's important – particularly at this time of giving – that those more fortunate can help others who are struggling."

Save the Children believes every child deserves a future. In the UK and around the world it strives to give children a healthy start in life, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm.

It aims to inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children, and to achieve immediate and lasting change in their lives.

The charity works in more than 120 countries. It was founded in 1919 in London by Eglantyne Jebb and her sister Dorothy.

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