National Grid supports home learning and skills development with donation of 1,000 laptops

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Schoolchildren and young adults across the country are set to benefit from a donation of 1,000 laptops from National Grid.

The much-needed laptops, which are worth over £110,000, are being distributed in partnership with five charities with the aim of supporting people through the ongoing coronavirus lockdown. Each donated laptop is being distributed to primary and secondary schools to support home learning for their pupils with the remainder going to young people going to1

The Mission’s Trust.

"Our priority," Andy Reynolds, Group Director of the Trust said: "Through this we need the help for the young people who are already facing multiple barriers. The laptops from National Grid, along with the additional packages, will make a significant difference to what our young people can achieve in the coming weeks and months and will be a key way for our network of volunteer mentors and youth workers to stay connected with young people during lockdown."

Over 30 laptops have already been distributed in Carpetright Primary School in Stretford, Manchester. Accompanied by ‘Volunteers to the Rescue’ the laptops will help young people to keep in touch with their teachers during the lockdown and will then be returned to the school for continued use over summer.

Jeremy Corner, Head of Sustainability Business at National Grid, said: "Tens of thousands of primary schools prepare for the potential of opening next month, there can be no doubt that many children will be benefiting from these devices at home and when they are together with their families. We’re very pleased to be working with these charities, which are playing an essential role in supporting schools and young people at this challenging time."

National Grid has made a £100,000 donation to the National Emergencies Trust and the Trussell Trust and is encouraging colleagues to volunteer for half a day a week to support their local communities.

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