

CAREERS AT TLG

TLG transforming
lives for good



Finance Manager

JOB DESCRIPTION



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Transforming Lives for Good (TLG) is a national charity that helps churches to bring hope and a future for struggling children. That means getting alongside struggling children, providing practical support in and out of school and connecting with home to bring hope and a future.

All over the UK, children are struggling in school for all kinds of reasons and many families are suffering without hope. Nationally, the latest statistics show that:

- Children living in poverty are 4 times more likely to get a permanent exclusion from school
- More than two thirds of the current prison population were excluded from school
- One in six 16-24 year old 'NEETs' (those not in Education, Employment or Training) die within ten years of falling out of the system
- One million children are living in destitution - the most severe form of poverty (JRF 2023)

But there is hope.

It comes through the local church making a real difference in their community. TLG is passionate about bringing a practical approach that goes way beyond education and works to build strong connections between local churches, families and schools. At TLG, we have a big vision to make the difference in as many children and families lives as possible. We are transforming lives for good!



TLG's culture & values

At TLG, our work is our vocation, giving us a rich sense of purpose. We also believe work can be a great experience and enable people to grow into their full potential. In fact, we are recognised nationally as an exceptional place to work. In 2019, we were named the best charity to work for in the UK by the prestigious Sunday Times Best Organisations to Work for.

This special award highlights all the positives about working at TLG! We love to look after our team and here are some of the great benefits we offer:

- Fun team times away
- Retreat days for staff
- Generous holidays and flexible working arrangements
- Above and beyond recognition for high-performing staff
- Support for staff with counselling and coaching
- Contributions towards training and professional qualifications.

Our Values

Holding to these values is vital in all aspects of our growth.

- **Greater Transformation**
Relentlessly focussed on the main thing (TLG's mission and vision), energised by the challenge, and deliberately missional.
- **Relational Leadership**
Bringing out the 'gold' in others, 'leaning in' when it's relationally tough, and humble yet courageous.
- **Local Church**
Celebrating the Church, grace and patience in partnership, and rooted in the local church community.
- **Excellence Every Day**
Joyfully exceeding expectations, learning from failure, and knowing uncertainty doesn't throw us.
- **Vibrant Faith**
Nurturing our own walk with God, following Jesus together even when it's tough, and realising work is mission – so much more than a job.

Finance Manager

Location:	Hybrid – TLG's National Support Centre, West Yorkshire (minimum 40% office-based including Tuesdays; 60% during probation)
Salary:	£32,072 – £40,090 (£40,090 FTE), dependent on hours
Hours:	30 – 37.5 hours per week (0.8 – 1 FTE)
Reporting to:	Director of Finance
Contract:	Permanent

Job Role:

As we journey towards our vision to bring fulness of life for every child, no matter what struggles they face, we're looking for a motivated and mission-driven individual to join our team as **Finance Manager**.

The Finance Manager will play a central role in shaping the financial strength and future growth of the charity. As the operational lead for day-to-day finance, you'll ensure robust financial controls, deliver accurate and timely reporting, and provide clear, strategic insight that empowers leaders across the organisation. Working closely with the Director of Finance, you will be a key voice in safeguarding financial health and driving forward our mission.

As a **fully qualified accountant**, you will lead a high-performing finance function, bringing expertise across budgeting, forecasting, financial planning, and analysis. You will oversee and continually improve financial systems and processes, ensuring they are efficient, compliant, and fit for a growing organisation with ambitious goals. Your leadership will help ensure long-term sustainability and support informed decision-making at every level.

Beyond core financial management, this role offers the opportunity to shape broader organisational development. The Finance Manager will work closely with TLG's commercial subsidiaries – Hope Park Business Centres and Hope Park Workspaces (Salford Quays) – providing financial oversight, analysis, and strategic advice to help these ventures thrive. The success of these income-generating enterprises plays a key role in funding and expanding the charity's work with children, young people, and families.

This is an exciting opportunity for a confident, forward-thinking finance professional who wants to make a meaningful impact – both in strengthening financial performance and in supporting a mission that transforms lives.

Job Tasks:

Financial Management & Reporting

- Lead on preparation of monthly management accounts, forecasts, and variance analysis for TLG's Core Team (directors) and department heads.
- Oversee the annual budgeting process, working closely with budget holders.
- Ensure accurate, timely production of year-end statutory accounts in compliance with Charity SORP (FRS 102).
- Liaise with external auditors and manage the annual audit process.
- Maintain financial policies, procedures, and internal controls.

Budgeting & Planning

- Manage the annual budgeting process in collaboration with the Core Team and other budget holders.
- Monitor and report on financial performance against budget, highlighting risks and opportunities.
- Develop financial models to support long-term planning and scenario analysis.

Governance & Compliance

- Ensure compliance with Charity SORP, company tax requirements (e.g. VAT), and regulatory requirements (including, but not limited to the Charity Commission, HMRC, and Companies House).
- Support the Finance & Audit Sub-Committee and Board of Trustees with high-quality reporting and insight.
- Keep abreast of changes in accounting standards, charity finance regulations, and best practice.

Systems & Processes

- Check payroll (in conjunction with the People & Culture team), pensions, and expense processing, ensuring compliance with relevant legislation. Consider and evaluate possible in-house payroll provision.
- Manage the finance systems (e.g. Xero, Sage, or equivalent) and drive continuous improvements in processes.
- Liaise with leaders in the organisation to set up new processes and procedures around TLG's new programme innovations.
- Ensure timely submission of VAT, Gift Aid, and other statutory returns.

Financial Leadership

- Communicate with budget holders across departments.
- Hold face-to-face annual Head of Department meetings.
- New partners/projects: create budgets, communicate with relevant parties, develop systems for new programmes.
- Induction: train new managers & Heads of Departments on TLG's financial systems and processes.

Additional Responsibilities:

- Attend, fully participate in and, on occasions, lead daily Christian devotionals and times of worship for the staff team.
- Attend TLG's Staff Conference twice a year. This includes active participation in corporate Christian prayer and worship and the opportunity to share faith testimonies of young people involved in TLG programmes.
- Play an active part in promoting the work of TLG including the recruitment of individual regular donors through TLG Hope Giver scheme.
- Take on additional responsibilities for tasks as your role develops.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
QUALIFICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A relevant full accountancy qualification e.g. ACA, ACCA, CIMA.• Good general standard of education including as a minimum English and Mathematics GCSE at grade A*-C (9-4) or equivalent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A First degree in any discipline.
SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excellent IT skills, with advanced Excel skills and knowledge of cloud-based accounting systems (ideally Xero or equivalent).• Strong interpersonal skills with the ability to communicate financial information clearly to non-financial colleagues.• Ability to manage multiple priorities and meet deadlines.• Ability to lead and influence across all levels within and outside the organisation to the right outcomes.• Ability to respond to changing priorities and financial landscapes.• Strong knowledge of Charities SORP and restricted/unrestricted fund accounting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knowledge of charity VAT, tax, and Gift Aid.
EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Significant experience in financial management within a charity, not-for-profit, or complex organisation (£3m+ turnover).• Proven experience of preparing management accounts, budgets, and statutory financial statements.• Experience of managing or supervising finance staff.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrable experience of leading a high-performance finance team.• Experience of working with grant funders and contract funding.• Commitment to the values and mission of the charity sector.

PERSON SPECIFICATION CONT.

	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commitment to actively pursue ongoing spiritual development of themselves and colleagues within the life of a local church in order to enhance the contribution to TLG.• Attend and participate fully in devotions, prayer meetings and staff conferences to enhance the spiritual relationships within the team.• Able to work sensitively with those of different cultures and faiths whilst having their own strong and vibrant Christian faith and commitment to Equal Opportunities.• To be an active part of a church family.	
ADDITIONAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide 3 referees. At least one referee needs to represent Christian commitment and be able to comment on your faith and growth as a Christian. References will be taken up after final interviews.• Provide evidence of qualifications and suitability to work in the UK and appropriate qualifications.• Live within a reasonable travelling distance.	



Application process

Apply today through our website:

www.tlg.org.uk/careers

- After clicking 'Apply', you'll be taken to an online application form. This will include uploading a personal statement explaining how you meet the criteria outlined in the job description for this role and your motivation for applying. There will also be some questions exploring how your faith relates to your working life, and an option to upload a CV later in the form.
- After the closing date, we'll be in touch via email. If you've been shortlisted for the role, you will receive an invitation for a short initial interview which will be held online.
- If successful following your initial interview, we'll then invite you to a final interview in person at our National Support Centre in West Yorkshire.

You can find the closing and interview dates in the role's advert on our website.

We would welcome applications from candidates from diverse backgrounds to enable us to better reflect the needs of the communities we serve.

Having trouble with your application?

If you have any problems with the online application process, please contact recruitment@tlg.org.uk and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

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