

Telecommunications leaders support youth helpline with glitzy quiz event

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Over 120 VIPs from the electrical and telecommunications industry tested their knowledge and lightened their wallets during a night of quizzing and quaffing to raise funds for youth helpline charity Get Connected, the UK's only free and confidential service for anyone under 25.

Get Connected's long-term corporate partners, *Dixons Carphone*, were joined by Platinum Sponsor O2, Samsung, Vodafone and many more for the 6th annual Charity Quiz Night for the industry at Terence Conran's iconic Bluebird Restaurant in Chelsea for an evening of spirited competition and vital fundraising in aid of their helpline service.

Hosted by the talented comic Rory McGrath, entertainment included an exciting and challenging quiz of five rounds and a special auction of bona-fide experts from TV quiz sensations Eggheads, the Chase and Mastermind to help teams with the difficult questions.

Jessica Taplin, CEO at Get Connected, says: *"We are facing a rising wave of children and young people seeking help across the UK; the support of businesses such as O2 and Dixons Carphone at events such as this make it possible to train volunteers and pay our helpline employees. This means we can support as many young people as possible with the issues negatively impacting their lives, and they have a better chance of reaching their full potential."*

Rachel Hanrahan, Lead Channel Marketing Manager at O2, says: *"It was a fabulous evening and a great chance for us to support Get Connected again! A fantastic amount was raised for such a deserving charity, one that gives young people a much-needed platform to work through their problems confidentially and without judgement."*

More than 228,000 vulnerable children and young people accessed Get Connected's one-of-a-kind service last year, with figures expected to rise to 300,000 this year. Get Connected have also recently launched an in-house telephone counselling service, funded by the Department for Education.

For more information visit www.getconnected.org.uk

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- **Get Connected is the free, confidential & multi-issue national helpline service supporting vulnerable young people under 25 all over the UK.**
- Get Connected is registered charity number 1081840 and depends entirely on voluntary donations. Get Connected is a key partner of Child Helpline International, a global network of 192 child helplines in 145 countries.
- For more information on Dixons Carphone visit www.dixonscarphone.com
- For more information on O2 please visit www.o2.co.uk

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